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CURRENCY MISSION LEAVES TO-DAY

NO IMMEDIATE ACTION

RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO LORD PASSFIELD.

TO ADVISE CHINA?

It was announced in the House of Commons yesterday by the Under-Secretary of State, Dr. Drummond Shiels, M.P., that the Commission appointed to enquire into the currency problems of Hong Kong would leave Britain to-day.

It is understood that the Commission, after making a full investigation, will draw up a report on its findings and submit this to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Lord Passfield. It is not expected that immediate action will be taken on the recommendations of the Commission.

The Government of Hong Kong will be consulted before any suggestion for stabilisation are put into effect. It was pointed out that whilst the Commission might consider the problem of China's currency during their visit, they were primarily concerned with Hong Kong.

MAY CONSULT OTHER INTERESTS

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons at question time, Dr. Drummond Shiels said that it had been arranged for a mission to proceed to Hong Kong forthwith to enquire into the currency system of the colony and report.

The Mission will consist of Mr. W. H. Clegg, Governor of the South African Reserve Bank, Mr. P. H. Ezechiel, one of the Crown Agents for the Colonies, and Mr. G. L. M. Clauson, of the Colonial Office (Secretary).

Mr. Ezechiel and Mr. Clauson will leave for Hong Kong on February 26. Mr. Clegg will meet them at Singapore.

The Commission will report to Lord Passfield, Secretary for the Colonies, and no action will be taken on their recommendations until the Government of Hong Kong has been further consulted. If it appeared desirable to also consult other interests, this would be done.

Asked as a supplementary question whether the mission would be empowered to consult the Chinese Government and consider the question of the Chinese currency, seeing that this is a question of the depreciation of silver currency, Dr. Shiels said he had no doubt that the Mission would

take into account all relevant considerations, but they were wholly concerned with the currency of Hong Kong.

Aid for China.
Mr. G. H. Shakespeare (Liberal) asked whether Mr. Henderson, in consultation with the Powers concerned, had a view to supporting by economic or other financial means the Nationalist Government of China in connection with the restoration of its internal and external trade.

Dr. Hugh Dalton replied in the negative and added that His Majesty's Government had been encouraged by the evidence of an increased state of tranquillity and increased control by the Nationalist Government over large areas of the country.

His Majesty's Government hoped to encourage this by the provisions of the recently passed China Indemnity Bill.

Replying to a supplementary question regarding the visit of Sir Alfred Salter to China, Dr. Dalton said that the visit was on behalf of the League of Nations, and not any particular country.

Mr. Cazalet asked whether the question was bound up with the stabilisation of silver. Dr. Dalton did not reply.

ENSURING PEACE IN THE WORLD.

Britain Bound to Consult Dominions.

THE "GENERAL ACT."

Rugby, Yesterday.

A memorandum was issued to-night regarding the proposed accession of the Government of the United Kingdom to the general act. It will be recalled that the ratification of the optional clause was regarded as an "essential part of the effort seriously to implement the undertaking of the pact of peace in creating effective safeguards against War before its realities are forgotten."

The optional clause, however, related only to justiciable disputes and it was to cover the field of non-justiciable disputes, so that all international disputes of whatever character should be capable of pacific solution; that in 1920 the League Assembly produced the so-called "general act." Its importance lies in the fact that it completes the organised system of "All-in arbitration."

Its initial currency is five years from the first accession in 1930. A White Paper points out that as the pact of Paris provided no machinery for a pacific solution of disputes, signature of the optional clause and the accession to the general act are a logical sequence to acceptance of the pact. His Majesty's Government, however, could only accede to the general act on conditions corresponding closely to those made regarding the optional clause.

The Reservations.
These reservations are, firstly, disputes arising prior to accession to the general act or relating to situations or facts prior to accession; secondly, disputes regarding which the parties to the dispute have agreed or shall agree to have recourse to some other method of peaceful settlement; thirdly, disputes between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of any other member of the League which is a member of the British Commonwealth, all of which disputes shall be settled in such a manner as the parties have agreed or shall agree; fourthly, disputes concerning questions which, by International Law, are solely within the domestic jurisdiction of States, and, fifthly, disputes with any party to the general act who is not a member of the League.

The White Paper recalls that last year's Imperial Conference provided an occasion for consultation on the subject with other Governments of the British Commonwealth. Imperial opinion was emphatically in favour of the principle of the act and the Government of the United Kingdom will invite the House of Commons at an early date to approve of the accession in the knowledge that the Governments in the Dominions and the Government of India are in agreement with their action and in the belief that such action will make a further contribution to the peace and security of the world.—British Wireless Service.

Another Report.
London, Yesterday.
In a Memorandum on the proposed accession of the Government of the United Kingdom to the "General Act" of 1928 (approved by the League of Nations for the pacific settlement of international disputes), Mr. Arthur Henderson points out that the time is past when His Majesty's Government in Britain "could make any new departure of this kind in foreign affairs without full consultation with the Governments of other parts of the Empire."

He adds that following the opinion expressed at the Imperial Conference in 1929, the Government of the United Kingdom will invite the House of Commons at an early date to approve of accession, in the knowledge that the Governments of the Dominions and of India agree to their action and believe that such action will make a further contribution to the peace and security of the world.—Reuter.

LIVELY SCENES IN BERLIN.

Beer Glasses and Guns Used By Reds.

POLICE IN CONTROL.

Berlin, Yesterday.

The Police mobilised in full strength to-day to suppress an excessive exuberance in connection with the "world-wide" Communist unemployment demonstration. Scuffles occurred at various points this morning, notably in the Gormannstrasse, where the demonstrators used beer glasses and fired revolvers. The Police are in control of the situation everywhere.

Other Cities Affected.
London, Yesterday.

A Communist call to the unemployed throughout the world to demonstrate on "Red Wednesday" produced a crop of incidents in various European cities.

There was a very serious incident at Leipzig, where a crowd attacked the Police. The latter retaliated and three demonstrators were killed and eight wounded. Unemployed in Berlin wrecked the Labour Exchange and looted provision shops.

Over 100 arrests were made in Paris and Police, mounted and on foot, were overrun in Barcelona. At Prague, Warsaw, and Luxembourg mobs were charged by the Police. Fifty windows were broken in Copenhagen and 50 arrests made. The movement was ignored in Britain.—Reuter.

OVERCAST.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states:—

A fresh anticyclone has formed over China.

Fresh monsoon prevails along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea. Forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh; generally overcast; some drizzle and mist.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day—0.18 inch. Rainfall since January 1—0.87 inch against an average of 2.97 inches—deficit 2.79 inches.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—
Hong Kong 58
Macao 54
Pratas Island 70
Manila 70
Fuechow 50
Chefoo 26
Shanghai 38

SEQUEL TO GLASGOW FRAUD SCANDAL.

Only Three of Accused Granted Bail.

AMALGAMATED SILKS LTD.

London, Yesterday.
Bail of £2,000 each, has been allowed to three of the accused—Gardner, Hannay, and Strachie, but refused to nine others in the Scottish Amalgamated Silks case.—Reuter.

[Thirteen well-known North of England and West Scotland business men were formally remanded in custody in the Glasgow Sheriff's Court on February 17 on charges of fraud and false pretences arising out of an investigation of the affairs of Scottish Amalgamated Silks, Limited. The amount involved is stated to be £488,000. The following are the names of the 13 arrested business men:—Fred. T. Morrison, John Morrison, Rockland, George Stanley Costa, Scoton, Veitch, Joseph Johnston, James Sutherland, Robert Hannay, Alexander Young, George Todd, Duncan Wilkie, Alexander Rennie, John Gardner, and Alfred Callender Strachie. The octogenarian, James Sutherland, one of the 13 business men charged, was released on bail for £10,000, owing to ill-health.]

WORLD ECONOMIC CRISIS.

League Enquiry to Find Out the Cause.

URGENT AND IMPORTANT.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The meeting of economic experts will open in Geneva on Monday next in connection with the League of Nations inquiry into the causes of the world economic crisis.

Although as yet it is impossible to state when the report of the inquiry will be available, a considerable amount of material has already been collected, and the British delegation to the last League meeting, in emphasising the urgency and importance of the inquiry, expressed the hope that the report would be completed before the next assembly.—British Wireless Service.

COMPANY REPORT.

THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

The balance at credit of Profit & Loss Account at December 31, 1930 (including the sum of \$143,114.93 brought forward from the previous year) and after charging interest, insurance, maintenance and repairs, etc., and providing for depreciation and bad and doubtful debts, amounted to \$613,117.07, which the Directors recommended apportioning as follows:—

To pay a Dividend of 50 cents per share on 796,357 shares \$398,178.50
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The directors have decided to issue the balance of the shares constituting the Company's unissued capital, in which connection 200,000 new shares of \$10 each will be offered at par to shareholders in the proportion of one new share for each complete four old shares held. Acceptance of the offer and payment in respect of the new shares accepted at the rate of \$10 per share will be required to be made on or before June 30, 1931, and such new shares issued will, with regard to dividend, rank pari passu with the existing capital as from July 1, 1931.

ADMIRAL KELLY.

ARRIVAL IN THE COLONY IN P. & O. LINER.

Vice-Admiral Sir W. A. H. Kelly, K.C.B., C.M.G., M.V.O., who is to relieve Admiral Sir A. K. Waistell, K.C.B., as Commander-in-Chief, China, arrived in the Colony in the s.s. Rawalpindi this morning.

The liner docked at 10 o'clock, whereupon Captain T. A. H. Colman, A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor, and Captain Cameron, A.D.C. to H.E. the Officer Commanding the Troops, put off in the Government launch Britannia to greet him.

Vice-Admiral Kelly will hoist his flag in H.M.S. Suffolk on Saturday.

JEWELLER SWINDLED.

Mr. C. H. Windsor, proprietor of Windsor Bros., Nathan Road, Kowloon, was the victim of a jewellery theft yesterday. He reported to the Police that between 1 and 6 p.m. yesterday, some persons stole jewellery to the value of \$293 from his show cases.

The missing articles, which include two gold wrist watches, bracelets, rings and chains, were first discovered to have been stolen after the departure of some customers who called in to make a small purchase and examine trinkets.

JAPANESE STOWAWAY.

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning Mr. Hamilton ordered Wiyada Katsuma to be kept in Police custody for two days, pending his being returned to Japan.

The defendant was stated to have stowed away on the s.s. Kawachi Maru from Kobe, and was discovered two days after leaving that port.

The owners of the ship have agreed to send the man back to Japan on their next sailing.

BRITISH VISIT TO ITALY.

To Conclude Naval Treaty with France.

NO STATEMENT MADE.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Questioned in the House of Commons to-day regarding the negotiations of the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, and the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. V. Alexander, in Paris and Rome, the Foreign Under-Secretary, Dr. Hugh Dalton, stated that so long as the conversations were in progress the House of Commons would not expect the Government to make a statement. He assured the House that the United States and Japanese Governments were being kept informed of all that occurred.—British Wireless Service.

Mr. Henderson and Mr. Alexander have arrived here.—Reuter.

HEAVY DEFICIT IN INDIAN BUDGET

Considerable Rise in Income-Tax Likely.

INCREASE IN DUTIES.

New Delhi, Yesterday.

A heavy deficit in the neighbourhood of 15 crores of rupees is expected to be announced in the Budget speech on February 28. The fresh taxation is hitting the entire community. It is anticipated including a considerable rise in income-tax and an increase in Customs duties and on major imports.—Reuter.

OPIMUM TRAFFIC.

Two boat people, an elderly man and a young woman, appeared before Mr. W. Schofield in the Central Police Court, this morning, charged with the joint possession of 122 taels of opium, without a permit from H.E. the Governor.

The man pleaded guilty to the charge, whilst the woman denied all knowledge of the opium, saying that she had been asked by the man to row a boat. Her plea was accepted and she was accordingly discharged.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$14,000 on the man, or, in default, one year's hard labour.

BRIBERY OFFER ADMITTED

To-day Yui Ming, a Chinese youth, was charged before Mr. Hamilton in the Kowloon Court with not having complete control over his cycle in Kai Tak Road, and with offering a bribe of \$2 to a constable when accosted.

He pleaded guilty to both charges, and was fined \$5 and \$10, respectively, with the option of three weeks' imprisonment.

STOP PRESS

Shanghai, To-day.

Much interest has been aroused by a report that Victor Hu, a local Chinese amateur rider, is making arrangements for a flight from Germany to Shanghai via Africa and India. Victor Hu, who is at present holidaying in Europe, took up flying only recently in order to render practicable his sudden ambition to fly to China. He obtained a pilot's licence in Germany, from which he is departing in the course of the next few weeks. He states that his object is to stimulate interest among his countrymen in aviation. He is using a German light aeroplane.—Reuter.

London, Yesterday.
The death is announced of Lady Frances Balfour. She was a great champion of women's rights, but a great critic of modern fashions. She hated electricity and stuck to paraffin lamps.—Reuter.

LADIES' RECREATION CLUB.

Subscriptions, Fees and Teas Cost More.

CONTROL OF DRINKS.

The 46th annual meeting of the Ladies' Recreation Club was held in the Helena May Institute this morning, when it was decided by a majority to raise subscriptions as from January 1, 1932.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Etherington (President), and those present included Mrs. Tottenham, Mrs. Gilmore, Mrs. Raiton, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Fischer, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Adams, and Mrs. Sommerfelt (Hon. Secretary), Mrs. Comrie (Hon. Treasurer).

The Report.
The Committee's report, which was circulated to members, was as under:—

Members:—During the year 68 new members joined the Club. At the end of December there were 337 members on the roll, of whom 72 were absent.

Ladies' Challenge Shield:—The annual competition for this Shield was held on the L.R.C. courts on March 12 between the Peak Club, the U.S.R.C. and the L.R.C. (holders). The L.R.C. was represented by Mrs. Etherington, Mrs. Stark, Mrs. James and Mrs. Lissaman. The U.S.R.C. won the Shield.

Ladies' Single Open Championship:—Holder, Mrs. Tottenham. Entries 24. Winner, Miss Enid Lo. Runner-up, Mrs. Keary. Men's Singles Club Championship:—Holder, Mr. McEachran. Entries 12. Winner, Mr. Humphreys. Runner-up, Professor Forster.

Ladies' Single Club Championship:—Holder, Mrs. Tottenham. Entries 6. Winner, Mrs. Blaise (W.O.). Runner-up, Mrs. Fischer.

Tournament:—The annual tournament was held during the months of October and November. Club Upkeep:—Various repairs and renewals were carried out during the year. Both the grass courts were partially reurfed, No. 4 Court was repainted, and the wire netting round No. 1 Court and the small grass Court was entirely renewed.

Treasurer's Report:—From the statement of accounts it will be seen that the year's working shows a deficit of \$198.57. This is accounted for by a decrease in entrance fees and subscriptions of \$565, while repairs and improvements show an increase of \$468. The cost of re-laying and re-wiring No. 5 Court amounted to \$1,800, while turfing of grass courts cost \$490, and repairs to the Club House \$235.

Thanks:—The Committee wish to thank Messrs. Palmer and Turner, (Honorary Architects) for their services, Mr. T. A. Martin for kindly auditing the accounts, Mrs. Comrie for kindly presenting the prizes for November 27, and the Grounds Committee—Dr. Montgomery, Professor Forster, Mr. Hickling, and Mr. Newhouse—for their assistance.

Deficit in Accounts.
Commenting on the accounts, the President said that last year's working showed a deficit of \$198.57, due to fewer members and to repairs put in at the Club. The sum of \$500 in fixed deposit at the bank, she stated, remained intact, this being due to the fact that typhoon damages were paid out of current account.

The meeting unanimously adopted the report and accounts as presented.

Election of Committees.
The election of the General Committee for the ensuing year followed, the following ladies being balloted for:—Mrs. Etherington, Mrs. Sommerfelt, Mrs. Tottenham, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Fischer, Mrs. Raiton, and Mrs. Hill. The President, Hon. Treasurer, and Hon. Secretary will be elected from the above list by a meeting of the Committee.

The following were balloted for to serve on the Balloting Committee:—Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Johnson, and Miss Looker.

With regard to the Grounds Committee, the President proposed a departure from the system hitherto obtained of appointing

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AL CAPONE CHARGED AT LAST.

Refused to Pay Income Tax.

COURT HEAVILY GUARDED.

Chicago, Yesterday.
The notorious gang leader, Al Capone, appeared in Court for the first time for years to-day, when he was charged with contempt of Court in connection with the non-payment of income-tax.

The case has been pending for two years. Foot and mounted police guarded the approaches to the Court and with great difficulty cleared a way among the hundreds who surged in.—Reuter's American Service.

"Backed 'Big Bill'."

Chicago, Yesterday.
"Big Bill" Thompson has won his fourth mayoral nomination, defeating Judge Lyle, his anti-gangster opponent, by 45,000 votes.

Both candidates are Republicans, and there was a bitter fight in which Al Capone backed Thompson to the extent of \$30,000, and which has left a legacy of libel suits involving claims for a million dollars damages. It was primarily a contest for selection of a Republican candidate for the mayoral election proper in April.

An army of 70,000 men, including 5,000 police, and a picked body of 400 American Legion volunteers, kept order during the polling. Fears of bombings and "shoot-ups" did

RAID ON SHANGHAI JEWELLERS.

Haul of \$30,000 Worth of Loot Made.

ENTRANCE AT DAWN.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
The biggest burglary of a foreign shop for the last few years took place here in the early hours of yesterday morning, when burglars entered the premises of Messrs. Boyes, Bassett and Co., the well-known jewellers in Nanjing Road, and carried off \$30,000 worth of loot, consisting of watches of Swiss and American make, and a number of earrings.

Entrance to the shop was gained from the skylight, from which the burglars lowered a rope and climbed down. A watchman noticed a shadow moving inside and blew his whistle. Police hastened to the scene but the thieves escaped.—Reuter.

not materialise, in spite of the fact that 240 gangsters were imported from St. Louis on behalf of Judge Lyle, in order to meet the manna of the followers of Capone who was himself present in his famous bullet-proof car.

The campaign was characterised by a storm of vituperation, and the appearance of Thompson's famous "circuit" including a parade headed by a "jacks" and a mounted "convict" and "shoot-up" did

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ROUND THE CINEMAS

CLARA BOW'S SINGING
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"TRUE TO THE NAVY."

Electrifying! That's the effect Clara Bow had on the audience in the Central Theatre last night where her latest "It" hit, "True to the Navy," is showing to crowded houses. She's a new Clara Bow with a singing voice that's a knockout, and a personality appeal that just pulls the audience into the story.

Imagine Clara surrounded by gobs, real navymen! A dozen of them love her in "True to the Navy," and Clara Bow loves every one. She's a drug store soda-fountain girl who serves "It" with the soda, and Harry Green, the hilarious highlight of "Honey," is the drug store proprietor. Harry keeps the laughter rippling and Clara keeps the pulses beating double quick.

Clara never looked more lovely than she does in "True to the Navy." Her red-headed flash makes her entire performance a vivacious delight. Again Fredric March, the same young man who captured her fancy in "The Wild Party," walks off with the prize, but only after a series of really thrilling and action-amazing adventures which arouse everybody to a high pitch of excitement.

"There is Only One Who Matters to Me" is Clara Bow's own song. It was written for her and she puts it over in "It" fashion. Her voice is fresh and fine, a new revelation in Bow talent.

"True to the Navy" is something to see! Go Bow for entertainment. There's nothing so good as a Clara Bow show.

"BLACKMAIL."

"Blackmail," which will be showing in the Queen's Theatre to-day, on account of both of the dramatic interest of the story and the perfect recording of the voices, constitutes a triumph for the director, Alfred Hitchcock, and a splendid nugget for the British international Pictures' success in the new field of movie-entertainment.

The picture has been produced with such intensity and convincingness that we follow gladly and do not pause for cross-examination. This is the best tribute that can be paid to the brilliance and sincerity with which "Blackmail" has been directed. And it is no less a tribute to the splendid band of artists who act in it. Anny Ondra, by her magnificent rendering of the part of the girl, proves beyond doubt that in her the Talkies have found a young actress of sterling ability who will go far in this medium. Donald Crisp makes a memorable figure of Tracey, and John Longden gives a striking performance of the policeman-lover.

"LET'S BE GAY."

Along with the slogan of "keep that school girl complexion" should be a reminder to "retain that youthfully slender silhouette." Those who have neglected this item can vouch for how "awfully simple" it was to lose the slender contours and how "awfully awful" it is to try to regain that former slenderness.

There are a few who have kept silent vigilance over this creeping avoirdupois who aren't too selfish to reveal their method, among them being Norma Shearer, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer star, whose latest picture, "Let Us Be Gay," will be shown in the Queen's Theatre on Sunday.

Diligence and self-discipline are her two by-words when it pertains to figurative things. Diligence in exercising and self-discipline when it comes to eating.

A set of exercises that she has found affects every part of the body, starts with the hands against the wall, pushing the body forward until the chin also rests against the wall. This keeps the arms firm and at the same time throws the chest out. Bending the body with the arms swinging from above the head to the floor keeps one lithe. Another body straightener is found in touching the fingers to the shoulders and out at the sides. This also lifts the whole figure, in an outstanding line.

Motions that slenderize the hips and legs are obtained by standing before a chair and kicking first one leg and then the other over the back, keeping the knees straight. Swinging the legs back and forth while holding on to some object for balance also keeps one youthful. The importance of all these motions, however, is in continuing them until they become a habit in place of just following them spasmodically.

Appearing with Miss Shearer are Rod La Rocque, Marie Dressler, Gilbert Emery, Hedda Hopper, Raymond Hackett, Sally Eilers, Tyrrell Davis, Wilfred Noy, William O'Brien and Sybil Grove.

"KING OF JAZZ."

No setting has ever been more romantic than beautiful Old Mexico-colourful Monterey, with its graceful palms, its golden stars, its velvet skies and its languorous nights. And it is in this setting that John Boles, the "golden voice of the screen," sings the latest Spanish songs by Mabel Wayne famous for her "Ramona" and "In a Little Spanish Town," in Universal's spectacular extravaganza "King of Jazz," the next change in the Central Theatre.

Boles has attained his tremendous popularity in romantic settings such as "The Desert Song," "Rio-Rita," and "Song of the West," "Captain of the Guard," in all of which pictures he has portrayed the singing, romantic lover. In "It Happened in Monterey" both the romance of Boles' marvellous voice and the romance of Old Mexico are blended with the magic touch of John Murray Anderson, famous producer of New York musical shows, who directed the film for Carl Laemmle, jun.

The feminine interest is supplied by beautiful Jeanette Loff, whose dancing and singing ability, in addition to her histrionic charm, won her a long term contract with Universal for her work in the picture. Besides Boles and Miss Loff there are in the number the piquant Sisters "G," the dance sensation of Europe especially imported from Berlin; George Chiles, New York stage headliner, and the celebrated Russell Market dancers, whose beautiful line, tap and ensemble dancing is one of the sensations.

FLIGHT-LT. HILL.

WILL RETURN TO ENGLAND BY STEAMER.

Brisbane, Dec. 21
One of several women present at Eagle Farm Aerodrome yesterday kissed Flight-Lieut. Hill as he alighted after his adventurous flight.

She said, "I'll give you this for Jane. She is just longing to see you."

She was referring to the aviator's wife.

Not more than a score of persons welcomed the aviator. One of the first to extend congratulations was his aged father, Mr. E. O. W. Hill, who had waited an hour at the aerodrome before the arrival of his son at 11.40 a.m.

Flight-Lieut. Hill had little to say. It was evident that he was keenly disappointed at his failure to break the record, which had been his ambition for years. He intends to return to Britain by steamer. His leave will expire at the middle of March.

Hill's wife is on holiday in the Blue Mountains.

The building of a large absorption plant in Turner Valley in the near future, at an initial cost of half a million, for the purpose of extracting gasoline from waste gas now burned in flares, by independent oil companies, has been decided upon, according to current Press reports. It is understood that contracts for the purchase of waste gas from several independent companies have already been signed, while negotiations are in progress with other countries.



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SPORT NOTICES

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1931.

February 28, March 2, 3, 4, and 7, 1931.

ON SATURDAY, February 28, the first race will be run at 1.30 p.m., and on all other days at 11.30 a.m. On the first day the first bell will be rung at 1 p.m. and on the other four days at 11 a.m.

MEMBERS' BADGES & ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 per day including tax—or \$40 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5 and \$20, respectively), are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for all chits, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Club.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$4 per day including tax for all persons, including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1 per day, including tax. Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, &c., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

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By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 11, 1931.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1931.

THE TIFFIN INTERVAL on the Last Four Days will be taken after the Fifth Race on Each Day.

By Order,

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Hong Kong, February 25, 1931.

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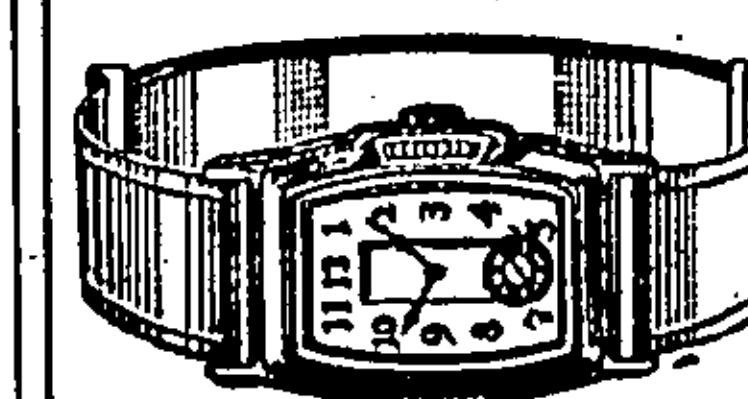
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KHIVA	9,135	7th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KHIVBER	9,114	14th Mar.	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*SOMALI	—	21st Mar.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	28th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
KARMALA	9,128	14th Apr.	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
RAJPUTANA	16,568	23rd Apr.	Marseilles & London.
*SUDAN	—	2nd May	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KALYAN	9,144	9th May	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
COMORIN	15,132	23rd May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KASHMIR	8,985	6th June	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
RANPURA	16,601	20th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KASHGAR	9,005	4th July	M'selles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	18th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KHIVBER	9,114	1st Aug.	M'selles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
RAJPUTANA	16,568	15th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KARMALA	9,128	29th Aug.	Marseilles & London.
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*SUDAN	—	19th Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TALMA	10,000	26th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAJPUTANA	16,568	27th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
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"I am pleased to know," he continues, "that confidence still remains in those responsible for the conduct of the shipping industry, and feel certain that the tide will again turn, and that, even though the prospects at the moment are so uncertain, we can surely hope and look for better trade in 1931."

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Tuesday, Feb. 24.
Cingalese Prince, British str., 3,834 tons, Capt. P. Marshall, from Takao, buoy No. A1—Furness (Far East), Ltd.
Kawachi Maru, Japanese str., 3,566 tons, Capt. T. Fujita, from Mikie, buoy No. A2—N.Y.K.

Wednesday, Feb. 25.
Canton Maru, Japanese str., 1,647 tons, Capt. Y. Iwasaki, from Swatow, O.S.K. Wharf—O.S.K.
Carnarvonshire, British str., 5,955 tons, Capt. Gulton, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf—J. M. & Co.

Golden River, American str., 3,817 tons, Capt. J. W. Giffin, from Takao, Lanchuk Anchorage—States S.S. Co.

Heining, British str., 836 tons, Capt. A. H. Stewart, from Fochow, Amoy and Swatow, Douglas Wharf—Douglas & Co.

Harunasan Maru, Japanese str., 1,867 tons, Capt. R. Koga, from Mikie, Yaumati Anchorage—M.B.K.

Hydrangea, British str., 561 tons, Captain P. W. Grierson, from Swatow, Chiu On Wharf—Chiu On S.S. Co.

Kiungchow, British str., 1,545 tons, Captain W. J. Larier, from Swatow, buoy No. B3—B. & S.

Kojun Maru, Japanese str., 1,305 tons, Capt. Y. Nishimoto, from Dairen, Yaumati Anchorage—D.K.K.

Konsan Maru, Japanese str., 1,566 tons, Captain T. Kotake, from Lungkow, buoy No. B19—D.K.K.

Nanchang, British str., 1,488 tons, Capt. Allison, from Canton, buoy No. B3—B. & S.

Sipora Dutch str., 941 tons, Capt. Bakker, from Yaumati Anchorage—J.C.J.L.

HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E.; 00h. is midnight, 12hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

February 26 to March 4, 1931.

DATE	HIGH WATER	LOW WATER
Feb.	Times	Times
Thurs 26	10 11 37	4 37 19
Fri 27	15 24 54	10 42 13
Sat 28	17 32 59	11 31 07
Sun 29	18 44 39	12 46 33
Mon 30	19 59 41	1 15 04
Tues 1	20 43 73	13 01 36
Wed 2	21 18 46	13 18 01
Wed 3	21 44 77	13 55 33
Wed 4	22 14 45	14 32 33

NAVIGATION CONGRESS.

Forty Nations To Take Part In Venice Conference.

Rome, Feb. 5.
The Popolo di Roma publishes a report from Venice to the effect that the committee making the arrangements for the fifth international congress on navigation, which will be held at Venice in September, has had a meeting with the town authorities. The representatives of some forty nations will take part. Signor Gervasio will preside over the congress; and the King of Italy has accepted the high patronage of the same.

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The discussion, which was initiated by the Lord Mayor, ranged round the question of inducing new industries to the area, advantages of air port, and the second Cunarder, and it was intimated by Mr. Martin Connolly, of the Boiler-makers' Society, that while there was no prospect of the order for the second Cunarder being placed immediately, it would eventually come to the Tyne.

Mr. Connolly also said that as the result of the depression shipyard workers were losing their nerve, and he had come across men who had been so long out of work that although they were not shirkers, they were afraid to go into a shipyard.

The Lord Mayor of Newcastle suggested that one or two industrial economists might be appointed to advise the district as to the best methods to be adopted, and that a Development Trust might be formed to finance any schemes decided upon.

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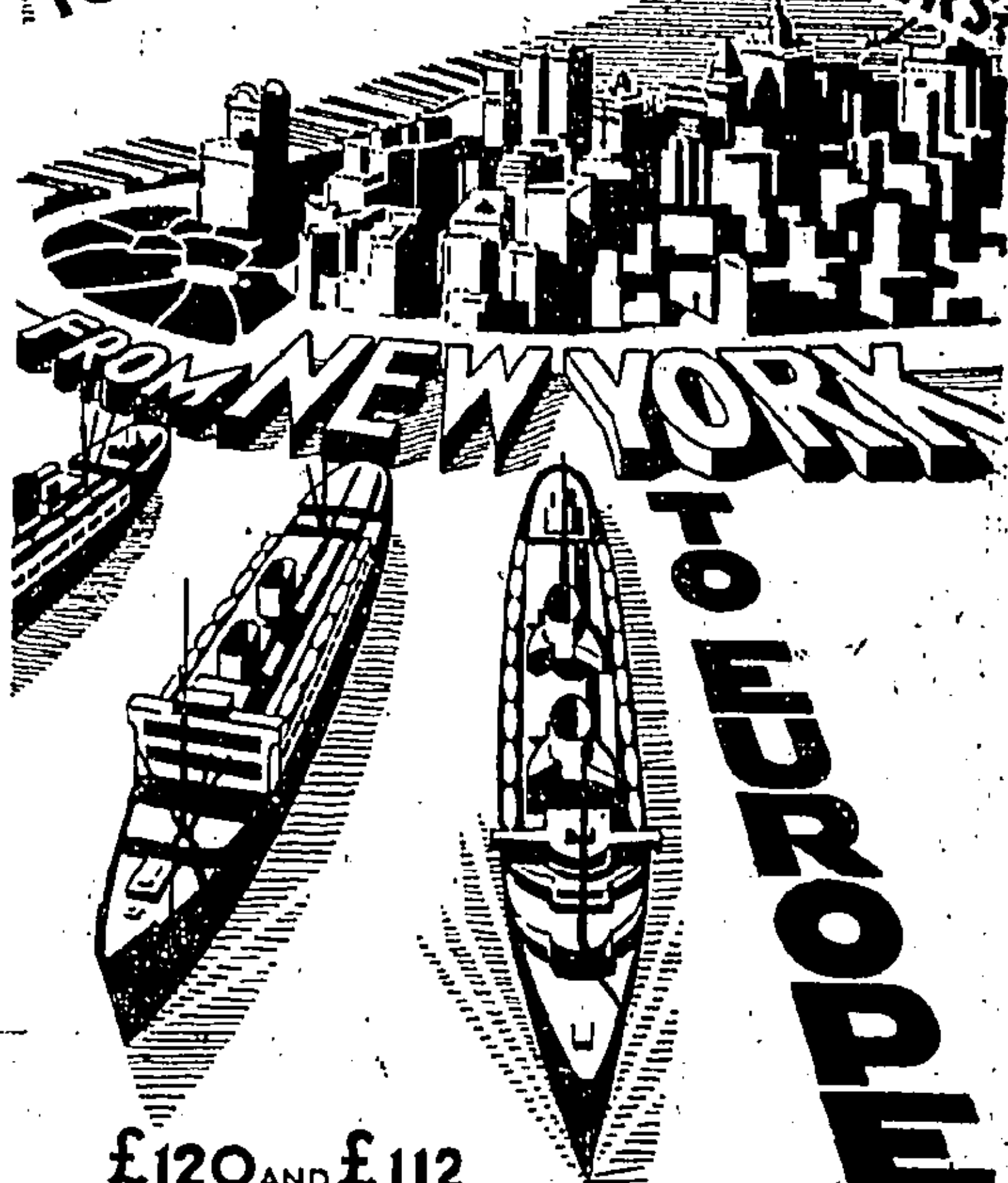
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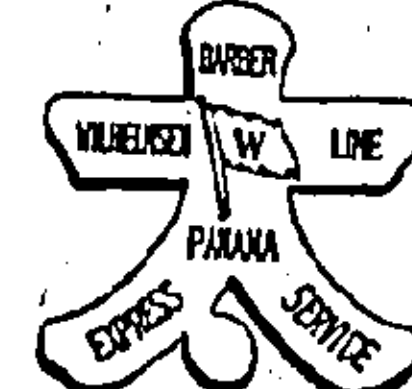


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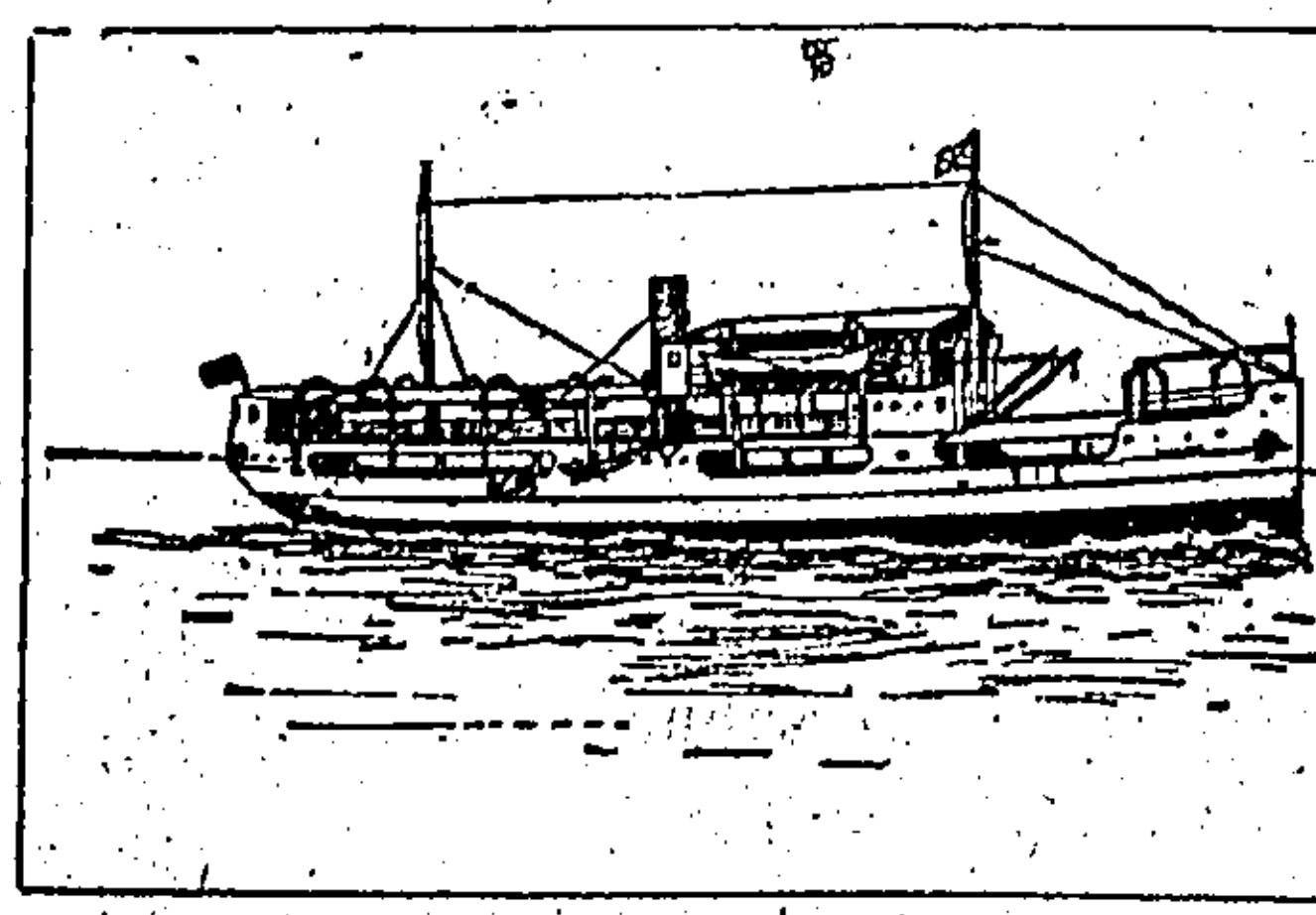
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BALANCE NEEDED.

The need for clear thinking in industry, which was emphasised by Lieut.-Colonel R. K. Morcom, C.B.E., in his address before the Rotary Club at their weekly tiffin yesterday, is indeed a factor which would appear to be lacking in the general conduct of economic affairs. The Great War not only destroyed the balance of industry and shattered its complicated fabric, but it made the establishment of fresh standards of value imperative. The whole machinery of organisation and distribution was put out of joint and, what is more important, there was exercised a vast change in the attitude of the workers.

Instead of adapting themselves to these changed conditions, employers in a great many cases acted with the utmost caprice and refused to consider a revision of their systems and methods. The General Strike of 1926 was one of the fruits of this stubborn resistance to progress, and was a catastrophe which should never have been allowed to occur. To-day we are faced with economic crises just as grave and, if anything, employers are inclined to go to the extreme and grant concessions to labour which are out of all proportion and inevitably harmful to industry.

It is all very well for Colonel Morcom to call the industrial workers parasites, who, by claiming for cheap food, are directly "encouraging" underpayment in tea and rice-producing countries, but it is not altogether a sound argument. The industrial worker of the world is in reality the chief buying agent, since

he is in the majority, and it is his demands which regulate the importation of rice and tea, to mention two products only, from the Far East. If he clamours for cheaper prices it is only because he cannot afford to pay the present prices out of the wage he is receiving. If industry is to assist agriculture, as the speaker suggested, then the only sound and satisfactory way of achieving this is for employers of labour to increase the rate of wages.

A perfect balance between industry and agriculture may exist only in Utopia, but a reasonable level of harmony may be obtained by a careful adjustment of the rates of pay, re-organisation from within, and co-operation between the employers of industry and agriculture. It is strange that, although these two great economic factors are so inseparably interdependent, little or no efforts have been made since the introduction of industrial methods, (which, in Colonel Morcom's words, led to an "escape from the thralldom of agriculture") to devise a scale by means of which prices and wages would be balanced to the equal advantage of both.

According to the prevailing system the agricultural employer is forced to pay high prices for machinery and implements and is therefore unable to increase the wages of his employees. In preference to reduction, he may be obliged to purchase his machinery and other manufactured articles from foreign instead of British manufacturers, to the detriment and loss of British trade. Instead of revising their prices and entering the world market on a competitive scale, British manufacturers persist in clinging to the insular methods of pre-war days and are then surprised to find themselves left far behind, with lowered profits, and outwitted by foreign competitors even in British Colonies and the Dominions.

It is elementary economics to realise that if British goods were placed on the market at cheaper rates they would soon find buyers who at present cannot afford to pay the prevailing rates, but who infinitely prefer British to foreign-manufactured articles. The ensuing increase in profits would enable employers to pay a higher rate of wages to their employees, who, in turn, would benefit the agricultural worker by reason of their increased spending powers. If there is a need for clear thinking it obviously lies to a considerable extent with the British manufacturer.

News in Brief.

Three cases of typhoid fever were notified yesterday, all being Chinese.

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday the Banks will open at 9.30 a.m. and close at noon.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 56 degrees. The humidity was 70 at 4 p.m. and 73 at 10 p.m.

Having accidentally fallen down the staircase at 35, Canton Road yesterday, Fung Hin (33) a godown keeper, was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital suffering from injuries to his head.

"If I catch you spitting in my Court again I'll fine you \$5" said Mr. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when a Chinese was reprimanded for indulging in that disgusting habit.

A concert of instrumental music organised by Mr. Harry Ore, will be given in the Helena May Institute on Thursday, March 5, at 5.30 p.m. If teas are wanted, please book from Matron 22160.

To-day Li Leung and Liu Sheng were jointly charged in the Kowloon Court with keeping a gambling house in Kowloon City. The first defendant was fined \$25 or one month's jail and the other \$10 or two weeks' jail. Five members of the "gambling school" were fined \$2 each, and seven absentees had their bail of \$3 estreated.

Four men and a woman appeared in the Kowloon Court yesterday afternoon charged with the armed robbery that took place at 20, Cheung On Street, Kowloon City, on February 9. The affair was well planned, one of the participants making several calls on the pretext of being a friend of the family, before the actual robbery took place. The hearing was adjourned.

The annual Health Campaign under the auspices of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., the Chinese Medical Association, and the Chinese Y.M.C.A. will begin on Saturday, at 7.30 p.m. At the opening meeting the chair will be taken by Dr. F. I. Tsung, addresses will be given by Professor W. I. Gerrard and Mr. T. N. Chau. The Campaign will be conducted at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Bridges Street where lectures will be given throughout the week.

POOR VINTAGE YEAR**1930 WILL HAVE LITTLE PLACE IN WINE LISTS.**

With the solitary exception of Spain, all the wine-producing countries of Western Europe report poor crops, and so far as vintage wines are concerned, 1930 will find little place in the wine lists of future years.

Owing to the bad weather which prevailed in the majority of districts where grapes are grown, the quantity of wine produced is well below the average, and in most cases the quality also is not up to the required standard. As a result, it is expected that prices will be raised, particularly in the case of claret, for which 1930 was an unusually poor year.

The wet weather extended as far south as Spain, and in the Jerez district the quantity of sherry is unfavourable. The finer wines are produced in the clay district, and the quality of sherry obtained there is regarded as very good.

Except for comparatively small quantities, such as that recently sampled by the Prince of Wales at the Spanish Club in London, sherry is not shipped and bottled as a vintage wine. Instead, it is placed with the produce of previous years of the same grade, and from this the wines are obtained for the market.

As a consequence, the good wine secured this year will improve the blend, and this fact is welcomed both by the shippers in Spain and importers here owing to the increased demand in England, where sherry is regaining its former popularity.

NEW BABY CARS.

The motoring correspondents of the London newspapers feature the trial of the \$100 two-seater "baby" cars from the Morris works, which will be marketed in the New Year. They declare they do 55 miles an hour, and have a normal cruising speed of 40 miles per hour. The cars are remarkable for their road-holding, hill-climbing, braking power, and acceleration qualities and they can be easily lifted by two persons. The critics declare that they will revolutionise motoring.

**ST. MARY'S SCHOOL
PROGRESS.****Marked Development in
Kowloon.****POPULAR WITH PUPILS.**

At the private distribution of prizes in St. Mary's School, Kowloon, yesterday, the following report by the head mistress was read:—

The year 1930 has marked another phase in the development of our School. It is evident, St. Mary's becomes known more and more from the ever increasing number of pupils who ask for admission.

Particularly flourishing are the Infant Classes where so very many little men and women are passing busy and happy days filled up with an interesting succession of work, play and song. The Special Class for Chinese girls is also on the increase. For the time being, a temporary building has been provided to accommodate this section of the School, upon which so many hopes are resting. We would wish that St. Mary's were swarming with Chinese girls, they prove such willing pupils, and those who this year and last year obtained the Senior Certificate are now gaining their living in good situations.

The results of the University examinations were another great source of gratification. The joy was complete; not a single note of disappointment marred the day, so anxiously expected by pupils and families, for all the Seniors and all the Juniors had obtained promotion and there was a most encouraging number of Distinctions; for this and all other blessings we thank Providence.

The activities of the School were not only confined to studying lessons and writing tasks, but included a little Bazaar and occasional theatrical displays which were enjoyed as much by the tiny actors as by the spectators; the little ones on the stage are always a great attraction.

Inspector's Remarks.
The School was inspected in October by Mr. A. R. Sutherland, M.A., Inspector of English Schools, and his report is very favourable. I may quote from it literally:—

"Discipline is excellent. I spent a whole day at the school and visited each class in turn. Singing in the Kindergarten was as usual very good. In the other classes I heard Reading and Recitation, set Dictation tests and asked questions on school subjects and inspected all written work. Reading and Recitation are very good. The written work including Arithmetic was neatly set out and carefully corrected. The written Dictation tests were very well done. Drawing is well taught. Mrs. Sutherland inspected the sewing and was impressed by the excellence and utility of the work shown.

The School is very efficient.

New Building.

The Sisters wish to tender to Mr. and Mrs. de Martin their most heartfelt thanks for their having honoured us by presiding over this homely ceremony. Their presence, so dear and yet so rare owing to the great occupations of Mr. de Martin as Director of Education, is a real joy to the Staff and scholars who all know, and are proud of the fact, that Mr. and Mrs. de Martin are friends of St. Mary's. We hope that next year, (the architect says this September) we shall be able to welcome you again when the new building, with its assembly hall will be inaugurated, thus opening for St. Mary's another more spacious page.

LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS.

Pureza d'Eca—Winner of His Lordship Bishop Yaltorta's Special Prize for Biblical Knowledge.
Edith Li—Winner of the Lugard Scholarship for the years 1931-32.
Senior Certificates:—Pureza d'Eca (Dist. in English and Biblical Knowledge), Aurie Remedios (Dist. in Biblical Knowledge), Joyce Kor (Dist. in Biblical Knowledge), Lucy Jorge (Dist. in Biblical Knowledge), Edric d'Aquino, Helena da Silva, Lily Tsang, Jermaine Pereira, Ahmina Abdullah, Lizzie Koo, Thelma Rosario.
Junior Certificates:—Gloria d'Almada (Dist. in English, History and Biblical Knowledge), Sarah Abdullah (Dist. in History and Biblical Knowledge), Alice Remedios (Dist. in Biblical Knowledge), Elsie Beitta (Dist. in Biblical Knowledge), Carmen Pereira (Dist. in Biblical Knowledge), Olga Ribeiro (Dist. in Biblical Knowledge), Rita Xavier (Dist. in Biblical Knowledge), Guilhermina d'Aquino, Nellie Lau, Elsa Silva.
Class 2:—1st, Edith Li.
Class 3:—1st, Betty Pestoni; 2nd, Rosaline Tsang.
Class 4:—1st, Lily Chiu; 2nd, Lillian Tan.
Class 5:—1st, Ismeria, Ozorio; 2nd, Nina Kor; 3rd, Kate Leong.
Class 6:—1st, Lolita, Yvanovich; 2nd, Maria Otorio; 3rd, Joyce Leong; 4th, Luisa Suen.
Class 8:—1st, Mary Agon; 2nd, Betty Remedios; 3rd, Blanche Remedios.

Class 9:—1st, Phyllis Leong; 2nd, Jessy Kor; 3rd, Pansy Leo.
Class 10:—1st, Helen Lam; 2nd, Melle Leong; 3rd, Cynthia Rosario; 4th, Celeste Marques.
Class 10b:—1st, Celeste Azevedo; 2nd, Geraldine Garcia; 3rd, Terry Lau; 4th, Marie Rosario; 5th, Phyllis Pereira.
Dr. Gomes Scholarships for Good Conduct, Punctuality and Attendance:—Helena da Silva, Ahmina Abdullah, Sarah Abdullah, Carmen Pereira, Gwendoline Lam, Cecilia Chong, Marie Pereira, Marie Wong, George Fernandez, Irene da Silva, Lily Chiu, Milda Osmund, Mabel Suen, Beatrice Lau, Margie Maxwell, Elvie Sequeira, Elsa Gutierrez and Mary Agon.
Portuguese: Class A:—Irene Silva, 1st Prize; Adelina Xavier, 2nd Prize; Class B:—Hilda Antonio, 1st Prize; C. Remedios, 2nd Prize.
Application:—C. Osmund, Alda Silva.

A.D.C.**"ART AND MRS.
BOTTLE."**

(Contributed).

An article recently appeared in the Press dealing with the forthcoming production of the A.D.C. which, I venture to think, presented a somewhat unfair picture of the general trend of the play. As one definitely interested in the A. D. C. and all its productions, (and not being a member of the cast) I feel constrained to lay before the public what I consider to be a fairer view of the play. There are, it is true, certain Rabelaisian touches. But the writer of the former article has to my mind dwelt unduly upon them. A touch of bitterness in a glass of gin is an excellent thing; but, so anxiously expected by pupils and families, for all the Seniors and all the Juniors had obtained promotion and there was a most encouraging number of Distinctions; for this and all other blessings we thank Providence.

To my mind the said Rabelaisian touches are introduced into the play as a momentary relief from the psychological analysis of each of the several characters; very much, indeed, as Shakespeare introduced the grave-diggers' scene in Hamlet as a momentary relief from tragedy past, and to intensify tragedy to come.

The interest of "Art and Mrs. Bottle" to my thinking lies in the gradual working out of the character of Judy Bottle in view of the revelations of the past of that abominable cad, her about-to-be artist keeper. In contrast the attitude of the model vis-a-vis Judy's respectable artist brother is most interesting. While as a background you have the dull but honest and straightforward character of Mr. Bottle who is a grown-up edition of the young man:—

"Who thinks Suburban hops
More fun than Monday Pops,
Who's fond of his dinner
And doesn't grow thinner
On bottled beer and chops."
The unrivalling of the characters as portrayed by the various players promises to be most interesting. I strongly advise all who go to read the play in advance. Personally I hope the production will enable me to make up my mind as to whether Judy or her mother, more deserving whipping through the streets at a cart's tail.

LOVE TRAGEDY.**ARTIST'S MODEL AND ACTOR'S
MARRIAGE.**

Miss Mary Helen Chaddock, aged 27, an artists' model and the daughter of Major Chaddock, a retired Army officer, of King Edward's mansions, Fulham, was found dead on a pile of cushions near a gas oven at her home.

"For several months my daughter had been moody and depressed over a love affair," said her father in an interview. "She fell in love with an actor, but about 14 months ago she read in a newspaper that he had sailed for America to fulfil a contract. This upset her terribly, but it was little compared with the shock she received recently when she read another paragraph to the effect that the actor had married in New York."

"She was the friend of many well-known artists, and was known affectionately as 'Mollie' to art students all over London and in the provinces," he said. "The best known picture of which she was the subject was Miss Savile's Academy picture 'Black Brads'. Besides appearing in Academy paintings, my daughter has posed for innumerable posters and magazine illustrations."

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of
February 26, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/5 1/2.

The official Police report gives the total number of casualties in the Hot-Sang cracker factory explosion as 58, of whom 29 are dead.

MR. C. D. MELBOURNE

PRESENTATION BY THE LEGAL PROFESSION.

A POPULAR OFFICER.

Mr. C. D. Melbourne, retiring Registrar of the Supreme Court, was the recipient of a silver salver, inscribed with 61 names, at a pleasant little function in the Court yesterday.

The presentation was made by the Acting Chief Justice, (Mr. Justice Wood), and all branches of the legal profession were represented.

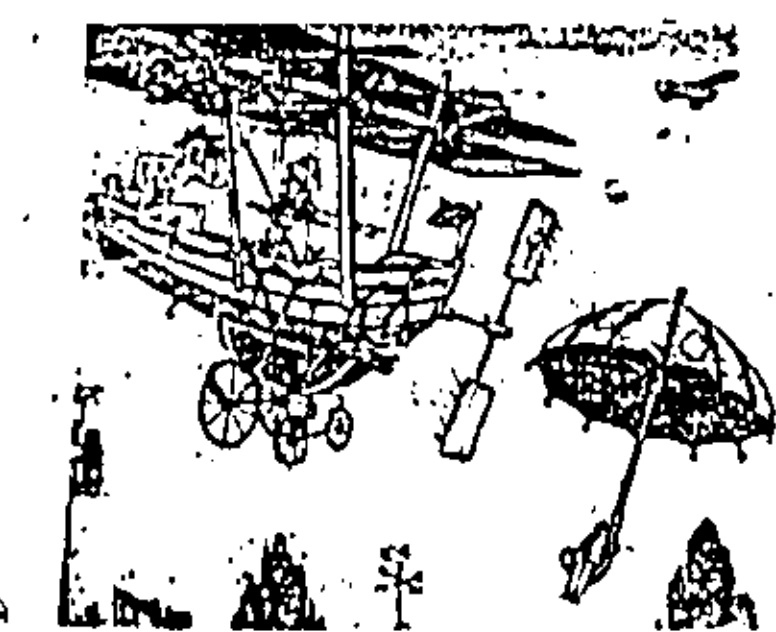
The Chief Justice, prior to presenting the salver, welcomed the Attorney-General, the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, on the confirmation of his appointment. He also expressed the regret of Mr. J. Scott Harston for his inability to attend.

The history of the Court, and, in fact, one might almost say the history of the Colony, was bound up for many years with Mr. Melbourne, said His Lordship. He would leave here with everything on the credit side. He was handing over the good-will of the Registrar imbued with the spirit of his own good humour, and with good relations between the profession and Court Officers firmly established. They would all wish him the very best of fortune in the years ahead. (Applause)

Career in Hong Kong.

The Attorney-General, speaking on behalf of his fellow brethren at the Bar, in association with Mr. Brutton, said that Mr. Melbourne was called to the Bar at the Inner Temple in November, 1890, and was admitted to practice in Victoria, Australia, in the following year. He was admitted to practice in Hong Kong in 1895, and joined the Government service in 1900, serving during that period, in practically every capacity except that of Law Officer.

Mr. Alabaster continued that Mr. Melbourne had served with charm and distinction and had gained their affection. It would be a big wrench to part from him but they had the consolation of knowing that they could see him



"There's a man going down in a parachute."
"Good. I'll see if I can knock him—it's seldom I get a crack at a pedestrian."—Aussie, Sydney.

when they themselves, went home. Speaking on behalf of the Law Society, Mr. Hall Brutton endorsed all that had been said and added that they felt they were losing a sincere friend. They would miss his generosity, courtesy and humour, and hoped that they would be able to see him again some day.

Mr. Melbourne's Reply.

In reply, Mr. Melbourne said that he was unable properly to express his thanks without using stereotyped platitudes, and he would say no more than to thank them very much for the honour they had done him in making such a handsome present. He added that he hoped when any of them were at home they would look him up.

FATHER TIERNEY.

BANDITS THREAT TO KILL MISSIONARY.

BRITISH INTERSESSION.

Peking, Yesterday. Grave news has been received regarding Father Tierney, whose captors are seriously threatening to kill him if the ransom they demand is not paid in a very short while.

The British authorities continue to make very strong representations to the Central and Provincial Governments on the subject. (Reuter.)

[The Very Rev. C. Tierney, is the Superior of the Irish Mission of St. Columban. He was captured by Communist bandits at Kienchang, 80 miles south east of Nanchang, on November 19 last.]

YOUNG ASSASSIN.

ATTEMPTS TO SHOOT PRESIDENT.

DURING A SPEECH.

Havana, Yesterday. A second attempt to assassinate President Machado failed yesterday afternoon, when the police seized a youth who was drawing a revolver. In order to shoot Sr. Machado while he was speaking at the dedication of the new Capitol. (Reuter's American Service.)

LADIES' RECREATION CLUB.

(Continued from Page 1.)

four to serve on this Committee. She suggested that Dr. Montgomery should be asked to serve and he should be given power to choose one or two others to work with him. The President also paid a tribute to Dr. Montgomery's services during the past year, stating that he did a tremendous amount of work.

The meeting agreed to the President's proposal.

Increasing Subscriptions.

The President then addressed the meeting on the matter of increasing subscriptions. She said that in view of the deficit in last year's working and the fact that there still remained repairs which were necessary to keep the Club in good condition an increase in subscriptions was justifiable. She pointed out that all prices had gone up, including the price of nets and posts. Two courts were re-netted during the past year, and there were two others which needed re-netting badly, to say nothing about screens and posts for these courts.

Mrs. Etherington then proposed an increase of 25 per cent. on ordinary subscriptions and subscribing members' subscriptions. Where a member now paid \$16 the new subscription would be \$20. In the case of husband and wife the subscription would be raised from \$24 to \$30. The increase for temporary members should be only from \$9 to \$10, the President commenting that there were few of these. The increase, she proposed, should not apply to Naval members or the sons of members whose parents would pay increase on their fees. She suggested that the proposed increase come into force as from July 1, 1931.

An amendment was proposed to make the increase effective as from January 1, 1932, and when this was put to the meeting it was carried by a majority of 8 to 3 votes.

Dearer Tea.

The next matter discussed by the meeting was increase in the price of tea, the President remarking that, like everything else at the Club, the price of tea was extraordinarily cheap—only 20 cents. As the Club had now to pay more for food, she suggested that the price of tea be raised to 40 cents which was a reasonable price which could be asked for anywhere.

After some discussion on this matter, another proposal to raise the price of teas from 20 to 30 cents was carried by 7 to 4 votes.

Visitors' Fees.

The suggestion was also made by the President to increase visitors' fees. She suggested that visitors should be required to pay 50 cents for the privilege of playing on the courts and they should pay 30 cents for tea instead of having it included in the present fee of 50 cents. She commented that this was reasonable as the majority of other Clubs were charging \$1 for visitors, exclusive of teas.

A counter proposal was made to increase visitors' fees to 75 cents including tea, but no one voted for it.

The President's proposal was, after some discussion, put to the meeting and carried by 7 to 4 votes.

Control of Drinks.

There followed some discussion of taking the drinks out of the hands of the Club "boys" as a means of getting added revenue.

The President pointed out that that would mean raising the "boys'" wages, and then there would be the difficulty of keeping check on drinks in the absence of chits, and if a drinks book were kept it would mean more work for the treasurer, who already had plenty of work to do checking the other books at present kept at the Club. Treasurers were difficult to get, the President commented, and they should not put more work on the person who undertook the responsibility.

It was decided by the meeting to leave the question of control of drinks to the consideration of the new committee.

The meeting terminated with the President thanking the Committee for their support during the past year, and vote of thanks to the President, Hon. Secretary, and Hon. Treasurer, these being received with applause.

PEACEMAKER ASSAULTED.

Owing to the complaint being in hospital, the case against Pashwar Singh, a private watchman, employed by the Green Island Cement Company, was remanded at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day.

The defendant is charged with assaulting an Indian constable, Mohamed Bux, and obstructing him in the execution of his duty at Hungnam yesterday.

It was alleged that the accused was slightly intoxicated, and was chasing two other Indians in Chatham Road. The constable intervened and it was further alleged, the defendant struck him several times, causing a nasty wound on the forehead, and loosening two of his teeth. Bail of \$250 was allowed.

MYSTERY RAYS FROM ROOTS.

Co-operation Among Actively Growing Cells.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 14.

A device so sensitive that it can detect the hidden light from a match a dozen feet away was reported here by Dr. Otto Glasser and Dr. V. B. Seltz, of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

The device is used to study the mysterious rays given off by roots and other parts of living plants. These rays have been among the most troublesome of all recent objects of research. Many scientists still refused to believe that they exist. But evidence is accumulating that actively growing cells in plants give off some kind of radiation that falls on other cells and provokes them into dividing and growing. Thus the cells in any region of growth give encouragement to each other.

Detection and Measurement.

Previous experimenters have confined themselves to testing these radiations with growing cells, comparing them with other cells not exposed to such radiations and measuring the difference in growth rapidly. But the two Cleveland physicists wanted to get an actual physical instrument that could detect and measure the rays.

They built a vacuum cell, containing a metal tube in which the roots with various metals which set up an electric current when any kind of radiation, whether visible or invisible, falls on them. Then they connected the electric terminals to an amplifier similar to a radio set, converting the amplified current into sound. With this apparatus it is possible to hear the effects of growth expressed as anything from a rattle to a roar.

Rattlesnake Poison.

Rattlesnake poison and how it acts has been the subject of a series of dramatic experiments by Dr. J. Marcovitz, Dr. H. E. Essex and Dr. F. C. Mann of the Mayo Foundation. They found that animals that have recovered from rattlesnake poison are immune for several months thereafter. The immunity seems to reside in the blood fluid, rather than in the blood corpuscles; for blood corpuscles separated from the fluid will swell up when exposed to the venom, but if left in the fluid they are protected.

In the course of researches on the much-debated question of just what is the best rattlesnake bite cure, Prof. Albert M. Reese of the University of West Virginia discovered that rats are much more resistant to the poison than are men.

Land Loving Fish.

Fish that come ashore to keep from drowning were described by Prof. A. S. Pearse of Duke University. There are a number of species of fish in the warm waters of the Oriental tropics that spend much of their lives ashore, and even climb up on low bushes at the water's edge. Prof. Pearse is of the opinion that they come out of the water because the warmth and the swarming animal life in it take out all available oxygen. The fish develop a sac-like lung adapted for breathing air.—United Press.

AIR AWARDS.

WORLD LEAGUE TO PRESENT TROPHIES.

MEDAL FOR MRS. BRUCE.

Paris, Yesterday.

The International League of Airmen has made awards which include the following:

National trophies to Major Kingsford Smith and Captain Barnard.

Woman aviator's trophy to Miss Amy Johnson.

Medals of honour to Mrs. Victor Bruce, the Duchess of Bedford, Mlle. Hiltz (for her Paris-Saigon flight), Mrs. Lindbergh and Mme. Bastie (for her world record duration flight of 37 hours, 55 minutes).

Dirigible trophy to Dr. Eckener, of Graf Zeppelin fame.—Reuter.

PERU REVOLT.

REBELS ESTABLISH A GOVERNMENT.

New York, Yesterday. A message from Lima states that the Southern rebels have established their own government. Troops at Cuzco have joined them.—Reuter's American Service.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel.

To-night—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Hong Kong Hotels.

To-morrow—Whist Drive Helena May Institute, Kowloon, 8.45 p.m.

To-morrow—Farwell Dinner to British Economic Mission, Peninsula Hotel.

Saturday—Eliot Hall annual concert and dance, 8 p.m.

Saturday—St. David's Society Dinner, Lane Crawford's.

Saturday—Craigengower Cricket Club Dance.

Saturday—R. A. O. C. Dance.

March 5—R.A.O.B. Regalia Dance, Garrison Lecture Hall.

March 20—Yorkshire Society Dinner.

Entertainments.

To-day—Queen's Theatre.

"Blackmail." Central Theatre.

To-day—The Navy. Theatre.

To-day—Majestic Theatre.

"Vagabond King." Theatre.

To-day—Star Theatre.

"Ben-Hur." Theatre.

To-day—World Theatre.

"Hung Lin Tai" (Chinese picture).

To-morrow—Song Recital (Miss M. Gomes), Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

March 7, 10, 13, 14—"Art & Mrs. Bottle" by A.D.C., Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

Home Mail.

To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Tokio Maru); from Europe via Suez (Rawalpindi).

To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Siberia (President Cleveland); Outward for Europe via Siberia (Rawalpindi), 10.30 a.m.

Sports.

See Diary on page 8.

Meetings.

To-morrow—Hong Kong Tramways, Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s Office, noon.

Saturday—Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, City Hall, 11.30 a.m.

March 5—H.K. Canton, Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., Queen's Building, 11 a.m.

March 11—Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd., Exchange Building (2nd floor), 11.30 a.m.

March 18—Green Island Cement Co., Exchange Building, 11.30 a.m.

April 16—Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels Ltd., Exchange Building, 11.30 a.m.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 855 metres:—

5.8 p.m.—European Programme of Victor & H.M.V. Records kindly supplied by Messrs. S. Moutrie & Co.

5.54 p.m.—Variety.

Orchestral—Wedding of the Painted Doll, De Groot & His Orchestra (3971).

Humorous Song—The Clatter of the Clogs, Grace Fields (3415).

Chorus—Fire Down Below, b. Hullabaloo Belay, Joan Goss & Male Quartet (2420).

Dialogue—The Bullfighter, John Henry and Gladys Horridge (3484).

Song—The Pirate, Sir Harry Lauder, Baritone (1434).

Humorous Song—You Can't Kill Him by Scratching Them, Grace Fields (3888).

Chorus—Sea Songs, Nautical Male Chorus (1774).

Piano Solo—Wake Up and Dream Medley, Wake Up and Dream Medley, Carroll Gibbons (3031).

Humorous Song—Sound Erriings, Will Kings (3101).

Monologue—A Cockney Girl at the Cinema, Wish Wyne (3340).

Song—A Girl on Board Lili Chillon, b. Der's No Hiding Place, (arr. Lawrence Brown), Paul Robeson, Bass, (3033).

5.49-6.15 p.m.—Band Music.

The Bells of St. Mark (Mozart), Semper Fidelis March (Souls).

The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards (2647).

Suite Française (Foulds).

The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards (2647).

Marche Aux Flambeaux (Meyerbeer).

The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards (1743).

6.15-6.45 p.m.—European Children's Programme from the Studio.

6.45-7 p.m.—Organ Solos.

The Swan (Saint Saens).

Musical Duets (518).

Valse Mystérieuse (Mozart), b. Arthur Meale (3069).

Chelsea Fytte (Goss-Gustard), Reginald Goss-Gustard, F.R.C.O. (2376).

Shepherd's Lullaby (Newell), P. Rawland-Tins, F.R.C.O. (2021).

7 p.m.—Stock Quotations.

7.02-7.37 p.m.—A Concert.

Song—

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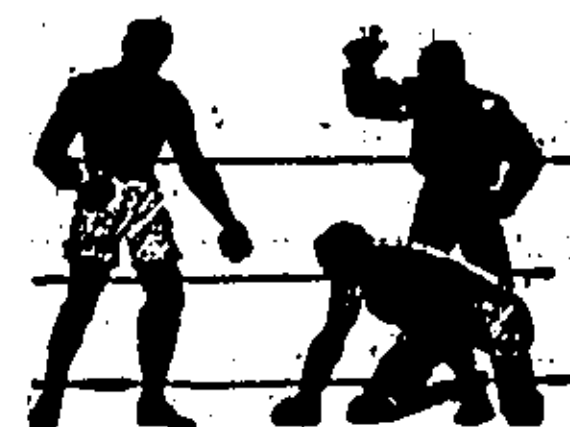
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Piano Solo—Rustle of Spring (Sinding), Le Jet d'Eau (Sydney Smith), Una Bourne (2141).

Song—Vallée of Laughter (Sanderson), Mavis Bennet, Soprano (2372).

Trio—Humoresque (Dvorak), The Venetian Trio (2394).

Song—Little Lady of the Moon (Coates), Sydney Gilham, Tenor (2742).

7.37-8 p.m.—Musical Comedy.

Clowns in Clover—Selections, The New Mayfair Orchestra (1456).

Duet—The Chocolate Soldier, Winnie Melville and Derek Oldham (1502).

C. B. Cochran's 1830 Revue—Vocal Gems.

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8-10.30 p.m.—Chinese Studio Concert.

9 p.m.—Weather Report, Local Time etc.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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Melbourne, Yesterday.

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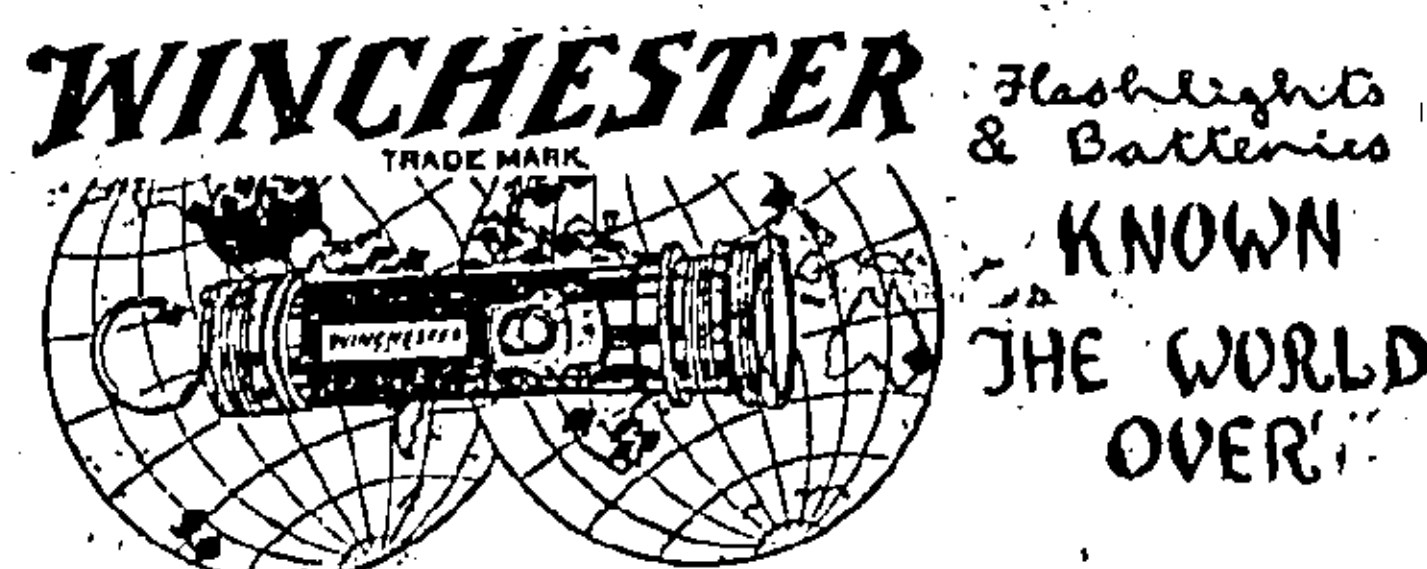
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SOUTH AFRICA WINS
THE RUBBER.Fifth Test Ends in
Drawn Game.

FIRST TEST THE DECIDER.

Durban, Yesterday.
The fifth Test match between
England and South Africa was left
drawn to-day. Thus, by virtue of
their success in the first Test, leaving
the South Africans winners of the rubber.

H. B. Cameron declared the
South African's innings closed at
219 for the loss of seven wickets,
thus setting England the task of
collecting 242 runs for victory in
the fourth innings. At the close
of play England had scored 72 with
six wickets in hand.

Overnight rain left the pitch
unaffected and Siedle (0) and
Mitchell (2) continued South
Africa's second innings on a good
wicket and in overcast weather.

The pair added 38 runs before
Mitchell was caught off Voce 43—
1—21. Siedle left twenty one runs
later 64—2—30. At lunch the
South Africans had lost two good
wickets for 72 runs.

On the resumption Christy (16)
and Taylor (3) continued batting
before 2,000 spectators. Nineteen
runs had been added when Peebles
got past Taylor's defence. 91—
3—14. Christy, joined by Viljoen,
saw the century raised, but
left at 110 as a result
of jumping out to one of
Peebles's tempting deliveries.
110—4—27. Dalton suffered the
same fate sixteen runs later. At
the tea interval Cameron (26) and
McMillan (14) were together with
181 runs on the board for the loss
of six wickets.

Soon after the resumption of the
innings Cameron (41 not out)
applied the closure of the innings,
settling England the task of scoring
242 runs for victory.

A rude shock was in store for
England, for with only seven runs
on the board, Wyatt gave Mitchell
a catch off Christy.

Hammond, joined by Farrimond,
continued to score freely but at 31
he was caught off Bell for 23.
Farrimond left soon after, being
snapped up behind the wicket off
Taylor. With 32 runs added for
the fourth wicket, Turnbull returned
a catch to Siedle and further
play was abandoned, Tate being
undefeated with 24 to his credit.

Scores:—

South Africa—1st innings.	
I. J. Siedle, c and b White	57
B. Mitchell, b Hammond	73
J. A. Christy, b Peebles	16
H. W. Taylor, c and b Peebles	16
Viljoen, c Hammond, b Tate	16
H. B. Cameron, b Voce	4
E. L. Dalton, c Farrimond, b	
Hammond	31
Q. McMillan, not out	29
C. L. Vincent, c Chapman, b	
Peebles	6
A. J. Bell, b Voce	0
Cochrane, b Peebles	4
Extras	0

Total 252

Fall of the wickets: 1 for 127, 2
for 131, 3 for 157, 4 for 164, 5 for
168, 6 for 203, 7 for 221, 8 for 242,
9 for 243, 10 for 252.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Tate	22	4	35
Hammond	19	6	35
Voce	27	10	51
I. A. R. Peebles	27	4	67
J. C. White	35	9	63

England—1st innings.

R. E. S. Wyatt, c Cameron, b Bell	24
Hammond, c Mitchell, b	
Vincent	29
Leyland, b, b Bell	8
Hendren, c McMillan, b Vincent	30
M. J. Turnbull, b McMillan	6
Farrimond, c Taylor, b Vincent	35
A. P. F. Chapman, c McMillan,	
b Vincent	24
Tate, b Vincent	50
Voce, c Bell, b McMillan	10
J. C. White, c and b Vincent	10
I. A. R. Peebles, not out	12
Extras	12

Total 230

Fall of the wickets: 1 for 56, 2
for 56, 3 for 87, 4 for 101, 5 for 101,
6 for 126, 7 for 188, 8 for 188, 9
for 223, 10 for 230.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Bell	30	4	63
Cochrane	28	5	47
Vincent	31	2	51
McMillan	17	8	67

South Africa—2nd innings.

I. J. Siedle, c Chapman, b	
White	30
B. Mitchell, c Hammond, b	
Voce	21
A. J. Christy, st. Farrimond,	
b Peebles	87
H. W. Taylor, b, b Peebles	14
Viljoen, c Chapman, b Voce	18
E. L. Dalton, st. Farrimond,	
b Peebles	11
H. B. Cameron, not out	41
Q. McMillan, c Chapman, b	
Wyatt	28
C. L. Vincent, not out	5
Extras	14

Total (for 7 wks., dec.) 219

A. J. Bell and Cochrane did not
bat.
(Continued at foot of next column.)

Sport Columns

ANNUAL TENNIS
TOURNAMENT.E. C. Fincher Defeats
R. Choa.

HUNG BEATS GROSE.

[By "Base Line"]

The chief attraction in yesterday's programme at the H.K.C.C. was the match between E. C. Fincher, last year's runner-up, and R. Choa, a newcomer to open tournament play.

At first it appeared as if Fincher would win with the minimum of effort, but so well did Choa mix his game in the second set that he was actually within set point at 5—4. He played with remarkable accuracy in the early stages of the second set to establish a 4—2 lead, and then at 5—4 he was within an ace of the set, but failed at the crucial moment to allow Fincher to draw level and win the next two games to give him the match.

Fincher gave the impression of a cat playing with a mouse. His chop strokes troubled Choa at first, but when their novelty wore off he was able to make some very good returns. Choa must not be discouraged by his defeat in straight sets. He was decidedly unfortunate in being paired with so formidable an opponent in his debut, but with constant practice, he should develop into a player of more than average ability in tournament play.

Most of the other matches were long drawn out affairs, the most interesting of which was the match between W. C. Hung and F. Grose. The former showed a distinct superiority and fully deserved his success. Grose adopted but one stroke—throughout the game—the forehand drive—and that was his downfall. Hung was content to play whatever stroke best suited the return and was consistent in his good length driving.

Yesterday's results were as follows:—

Singles' Championship.

1st Round.

W. C. Hung beat F. Grose 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.

2nd Round.

E. C. Fincher beat R. Choa 6-0, 7-5.

H. Lo beat D. S. Green 6-1, 6-0.

Luk Ding-cheung beat M. Kinoshita 6-2, 6-3.

E. Zimmerman beat Surg. Comdr. Harkins 3-6, 6-2, 7-5.

Doubles Championship.

Ng Kam-chuen and Tsui beat Barton and Bowker 6-4, 4-6, 7-5.

Club Championship.

A. L. Sullivan beat Henderson 6-1, 6-3.

G. W. A. Taft beat A. B. Raworth 6-4, 4-6, 7-5.

E. N. E. Nash beat J. M. Morhams 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

A. D. Humphreys beat D. W. Deane 6-2, 6-0.

To-day's Programme.

The following matches are down for decision this afternoon, weather permitting:—

Singles' Championship.

Paul Kong v. J. W. Leonard.

Ho Ka-lau v. Edge.

Doubles Championship.

S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn v. E. and F. R. Zimmerman.

D. W. Deane and W. N. Petch v. A. D. Humphreys and H. Owen Hughes.

Friday—H.K.C.C. Tournament.

Open Singles—Ng Sze-kwong v. A. O. Johnson, D. J. Valentine v. E. C. Eberington; Open Doubles—A. A. Noronha and L. A. A. da Rocha v. E. T. E. Nash and C. B. Nicholson, Ho Wai-ling and Lu Tak-lam v. Chan So and Wong Shu-wing, Luk Kam-cheung and Luk Ding-cheung v. D. L. Prophet and H. R. Forsyth, A. H. Rumjahn and A. H. Madar v. C. E. Holmes and D. B. Evans.

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SUNDAY CRICKET.

UNIVERSITY II. V. RECREIO—On the University Ground (All Day Match).

University II. v. T. Loke (Captain), A. Aziz, G. S. Scully, G. E. Yeoh, P. M. N. de Silva, P. L. Tan, R. E. G. Leong, E. Gosano, F. Zimmerman, W. James and W. K. Choa.

NAVY SURPRISED BY
THE CLUB.Defeated in Important
Shield Match.

LACK FINISH.

On the U.S.R.C. ground yesterday the Hong Kong Hockey Club defeated the Royal Navy by the odd goal in three in the Sim Shield Competition.

The Navy had only to make a draw of the game to win the trophy, but under the circumstances a replay is necessary to decide the championship.

In a game which was featured by far too many infringements the Club made a remarkable recovery in the second half after being a goal down at half time. Their victory was mainly the result of accepted opportunities in direct contrast to the tactics of the Navy forwards, who played with too much finesse.

Bowman opened the scoring in the first half, but with the second half only a few minutes old Francis scored the equaliser and Skippas netted the deciding goal.

Result:—

Club 2

Navy 1

TEAMS FOR SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

Y.M.C.A. "A" v. H.M.S. TAMAR—At King's Park at 4 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.—H. Burson; R. Dormer, L. Tippet; L. Macey, R. A. Bates, D. Killy; F. Parker, W. H. Smith, Dr. Ashton, W. J. Brown and A. Tate.

CAER CLARK CUP.

H.K.L.H.C. v. ST. ANDREW'S—Y.M.C.A. Ground at 3 p.m.

H.K.L.H.C.—J. Smalley; E. Gray, B. V. Franklin; E. O'Hagan, B. M. Pope, M. L. Wallace; E. R. Bell, N. McNeillie, E. M. Donelan, C. M. Ferguson and M. Bishop.

St. Andrew's—R. Rose; L. Rogers, P. Woolley; I. Woolley, M. White, I. Gittins; A. Wool, M. Field, M. Woolley, P. Gittins and E. Landolt.

UNIVERSITY SPORTS.

ENTRIES FOR THE OPEN EVENTS.

Clubs and schools are reminded to send in their entries immediately to the Hon. Secretary, University Athletic Club for the following open relays to be held during the Inter-Varsity Sports on March 14 and 16, on the South China Athletic Ground, Caroline Hill:—

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Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

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GOOD SCORING BY
THE TOURING SIDE.Peebles Forsakes Career
for Cricket.

HOBBS HOME AGAIN.

Bloemfontein, Feb. 9.
The following is the closing score in the match between the M.C.C. touring side and the Orange Free State.
Orange Free State 148 (Fox 54, Voce 3 for 45, Peebles 4 for 45) and 85 for 5.
M.C.C. 492 (Hendren 170, Tate 56, Wyatt 55, Farrimond 51 not out).

London, Feb. 7.
Hobbs, who came overland from Marseilles on his return journey from India, landed to-day. He declined to make a statement regarding the Sunday cricket controversy. Sutcliffe remains at Nice, where he has been joined by his wife.

Peebles has given up his future career at Oxford through playing for the Test team in South Africa, according to the Daily Express, which says that when Peebles was invited to play, the college authorities were unwilling to grant the necessary leave for two terms.

Peebles, therefore, decided to leave Oxford. In consequence he will not be available to play in the Inter-Varsity match in the Summer.

THE FAR EASTERN
OLYMPIAD.Volleyball May Be
Omitted.

CHINESE OBJECTION.

Tokyo, Jan. 29.

At the 9th Far Eastern Olympic Tournament Conference, the Philippine delegation proposed that the volleyball game should be replaced with some other sport since it is not included in the Olympic Games and is further not very interesting. This the Chinese delegation stoutly opposed.

In Japan both the inclusion and exclusion is equally supported, but as the result of consulting about the item to be substituted for volleyball, boxing was suggested, which is approved by the Philippine side. Although the Japan Volleyball Society is strongly opposed to the elimination of the game from the tournament, the subject will be put on the tapis at the next meeting of the Far Eastern Olympic Conference.

GOLF.

DRAW FOR HONG FOURLINES
AT K.G.C.

The following is the draw for the Hong Foursomes first round to be played over the Kowloon course on or before Sunday:—
H.K. & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. (W. M. Groves and A. Eastman) v. Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels (F. C. Barry and E. O. Murphy).
H.K. & Whampoa Dock Co. (J. McKelvie and J. O. McLaggan) v. Mustard & Co. (J. Pooler and L. G. Custard).

Naval Yard (W. G. Trice and R. W. Spped) v. H.K. Electric Co. (J. R. Way and W. Stoker).

Mackintosh & Co. (J. G. Meyer and G. H. Russell) v. Lane, Crawford, Ltd. (H. Hampton and W. S. Hillier).

Falconer & Co. (J. J. King and F. W. Ross) v. Dairy Farm Co. (J. D. Thomson and E. W. Coulson).

P.W.D. (C. E. L. Johnson and J. M. Purvis) v. James Backhouse, Ltd. (H. S. Dinsdale and A. Laughton).

Gilman & Co. (E. C. Fincher and L. Goldman) v. Union Trading Co. (F. E. R. Remedios and S. Jex).

Low, Bingham & Matthews (E. D. da Rosa and W. J. Woolley) v. Royal Fleet Auxiliary (J. Mackintosh and H. Ringshaw).

CORRESPONDENCE.

[To the Editor of "China Mail"]

Sir,—In view of the increasing popularity of hockey in this colony I wonder if it has ever occurred to local hockey teams and Clubs to form a League amongst themselves, and if some person or organisation would be good enough to put up a cup or shield to encourage competition?

It is well known that the only trophy for which local hockey teams can compete is the Sim Shield, and this is only confined to the Army, Navy and Hong Kong Clubs. Perhaps you would be good enough to publish this letter in your correspondence column with a view to stimulating local interest in this sport.

Yours, etc.,

ENTHUSIAST.

Hong Kong, February 25.

AN AMERICAN'S VIEW
OF BRITISH HUNTING.Blooding of Master's
Little Son.

GASOLINE HOUNDS.

Of horn and morn, and hark and bark,
And echo's answering sounds,
All poets will hith ever writ
In doggerel verse of hounds.

—Hood, Epping Hunt.
"Presently appears the squire; a thick-set, burly figure with red side whiskers, tinged with grey, and blue eyes sparkling with life and spirits. 'What's it to be?' calls the Squire. Port, cherry brandy, or sloe gin—and we will have sloe gin."

The scene is the great hall of the "Squire's Mansion," the occasion the Meet. Not, as might be imagined, an extract from an American woman novelist's description of life in the English countryside, but culled from a leaflet issued for the benefit of American visitors by the Travel Association of Great Britain and Ireland, entitled "A Hunting We Will Go."

The picture it paints is calculated to flood the shores with Americans as soon as the shipping companies can cope with the rush. "It is not necessary to be a member of the hunt, all that is necessary is to be a lover of sport, of fresh air, and wide spaces."

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THAT PEKING MAN.

DR. BLACK'S THEORIES QUESTIONED.

"THE MISSING LINK."

Pacing to and fro in the library of his old-fashioned house in Potsdam, Dr. Wehnert, of the Anthropological Institute of the Kaiser Wilhelm Society, challenged Dr. Black's contentions that the fossil remains discovered at Peking are the bones of an early type of humanity and therefore that there is reason to believe that the cradle of the human race was in Eastern Asia.

From the photos of the finds and from the descriptions of them sent to us by Dr. Black: "I am convinced that the bones are the remains of a creature, half human, half ape, or to give him his scientific name, *Pithecanthropus erectus*, Haeckel's missing link which first ceased to be missing when Professor Dubois made his important discovery of a large-sized skull in Java forty years ago.

Professor Dubois' Action. Dr. Wehnert declares that but for the inexplicable attitude of Professor Dubois, the identity of the Peking and Java finds would have been immediately accepted by anthropologists. When Professor Dubois brought his previous discovery back with him to Holland, he elected to keep it in the seclusion of his own private archaeological collection. It needed a hint from the Dutch Government to the effect that the Java find could not be regarded as private property, before Professor Dubois was induced to allow other scientists to study the skull.

"I happen to be the first anthropologist to be permitted to make a thorough-going study of the Java skull. The results of my investigations have been published in a treatise, supplied with a number of excellent photos. A glance at these photos is sufficient to reveal the identity of this skull with that found at Peking. Indeed, superimposing and comparing the drawings of the outlines of the two skulls show the same retreating forehead, the same flat top to the cranium, and the dorsal protrusion not found in the human skull, not even in the skull of the Neanderthal Man."

Haeckel Was Right?

Dr. Wehnert went on to say that the Peking finds bear out the theory first set up by Ernst Haeckel that the human race is descended from an animal species that was neither monkey nor man, a link in the chain of evolution. It was believed that these creatures inhabited that part of the world which is now further India and the Malay Archipelago. Professor Dubois' discovery gave confirmation to this belief. Dr. Black's finds are only additional evidence, Dr. Wehnert maintains.

"We now know," continued Dr. Wehnert, "that these half human animals, who lived in the Early Ice Age, moved about over the whole surface of the earth. The Peking find is almost identical with that found at Pittedown, in South England. In the case of the Pittedown fossil, consisting of the top part of a skull and a jaw bone, whereas English anthropologists consider they belong together, here in Germany we hold the opinion that coincidence played a part in this case, and that the jaw bone belonged to a monkey."

Dr. Wehnert has reconstructed the skull of the Java animal-man, and estimates its content to have been 1,000 cubic centimetres, as against 850 cubic centimetres estimated by Professor Dubois. As the human-like ape has a skull capacity of 500 cubic centimetres and that of the normal human being a capacity of 1,500 cubic centimetres, it will be seen that the Java skull lies in the middle between man and monkey.

Not A Human.

Even if *Sinanthropus pekinesis* is regarded as a type of early humanity, derived from a member of the chimpanzee family like the *Pithecanthropus*, it varies so greatly from the Neanderthal Man, that

it is impossible to regard it as being an early member of the human family (home sapiens), is Dr. Wehnert's conclusion.

As regards Asia's claims to being the original cradle of the human race, Dr. Wehnert states that German anthropologists are more and more inclined to accept the evidence that goes to prove that the ancestral stock made its first appearance in Africa.

A young anthropologist, L. S. B. Leakey, who has spent four years making excavations in the caves of the Rift Valley, Kenya Colony, has recently arrived in Berlin and submitted some of his finds to the Kaiser Wilhelm Society. These fossil bones are now being examined by German experts. It is expected that a pronouncement of major importance will shortly be made.

WALLS OF JERICHO.

EXPEDITION SEEKS REASON FOR COLLAPSE.

Karachi, Jan. 2.
Why the walls of Jericho collapsed before the armies of Joshua is a question which the expedition to Palestine, led by Professor John Gerard, of Liverpool University, will try to answer.

Sir Charles Marston, who with the late Lord Melchett, financed the expedition, said that last year's work revealed the fact that the walls of Jericho did actually collapse.

The most feasible suggestion to cause the collapse was an earthquake, and the expedition would try to find traces of this catastrophe which occurred about 1,400 B. C.

Other theories, which had been advanced to explain the fall of the walls included the extraordinary suggestion that if ram-horn trumpets were blown on one particular note a long blast would set up metallic vibrations in the walls and cause them to fall.

Sir Charles thought it very far-fetched, but added that it would be well to remember that there are probably forces of nature available of which we know almost nothing, and perhaps these were understood by Joshua's priests.

FEWER INDIANS.

115,316 LEAVE MALAYA IN 1930.

A big falling off in the Asiatic population of Malaya is revealed by the Malaya migration statistics for 1930.

There is decrease of 45,559 in the Indian population and an increase of 28,586 in the Chinese population. During the year 1930 the number of Chinese arrivals in Malaya was 343,502 and the departures 314,016. The number of Indian arrivals was 69,657 and the number of departures 115,316.

A reduction in the Asiatic population is shown in the December statistics. The Chinese decreased by 8,225 and the Indian by 8,972. The number of Chinese immigrant deck passengers disembarking at Singapore for the month of December, 1930, was 6,675. For the same period in 1929, the number was 19,221.

PISTOL BATTLE.

ANOTHER NEW YORK GANG MURDER.

Another cold-blooded gang murder was added to New York's long list when the proprietor of an "uptown, speakeasy" was riddled with seven bullets in his own bar-room after a desperate pistol battle with five rivals, who resented his operations in "their territory."

The assassins rushed into the place forcing a taxi-driver to enter first as a shield for themselves and fired volley after volley, splintering woodwork and mirrors in the room. The victim was found by the police mortally wounded with a revolver under him.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

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On Paris—
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Credits, 4 months' 607 1/2
On New York—
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On Bombay—
Wire 61 1/4
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On demand 39 1/4
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SPANISH LEADERS DECLINE TO FORM NEW CABINET.

Berlin, Jan. 14.
The usually very well informed Madrid correspondent of the Berliner Tageblatt reports that King Alfonso tried to induce various statesmen to form a new Cabinet on a broader basis in order to conduct the long promised general elections but met with firm refusals both from the well-known political leaders Cancho and Sanchez Guerra.
The King also signed the new budget which provides for a substantial increase of the salaries of army and navy officers and of all civil servants and besides for a loan of 350 million pesetas for the railways. The budget estimates balance with a surplus of 63 million pesetas.

It is further reported from Madrid that the Spanish Government has just placed in Great Britain contracts for a number of new powerful guns, of 38 centimetres calibre, 20 metres long and with an effective range of 35 kilometres. These guns are destined to reinforce the coast defences at El Ferrol, Cadix, Cartagena and on the Balearic islands. The guns will be mounted in revolving armoured turrets and will cost £80,000 each.

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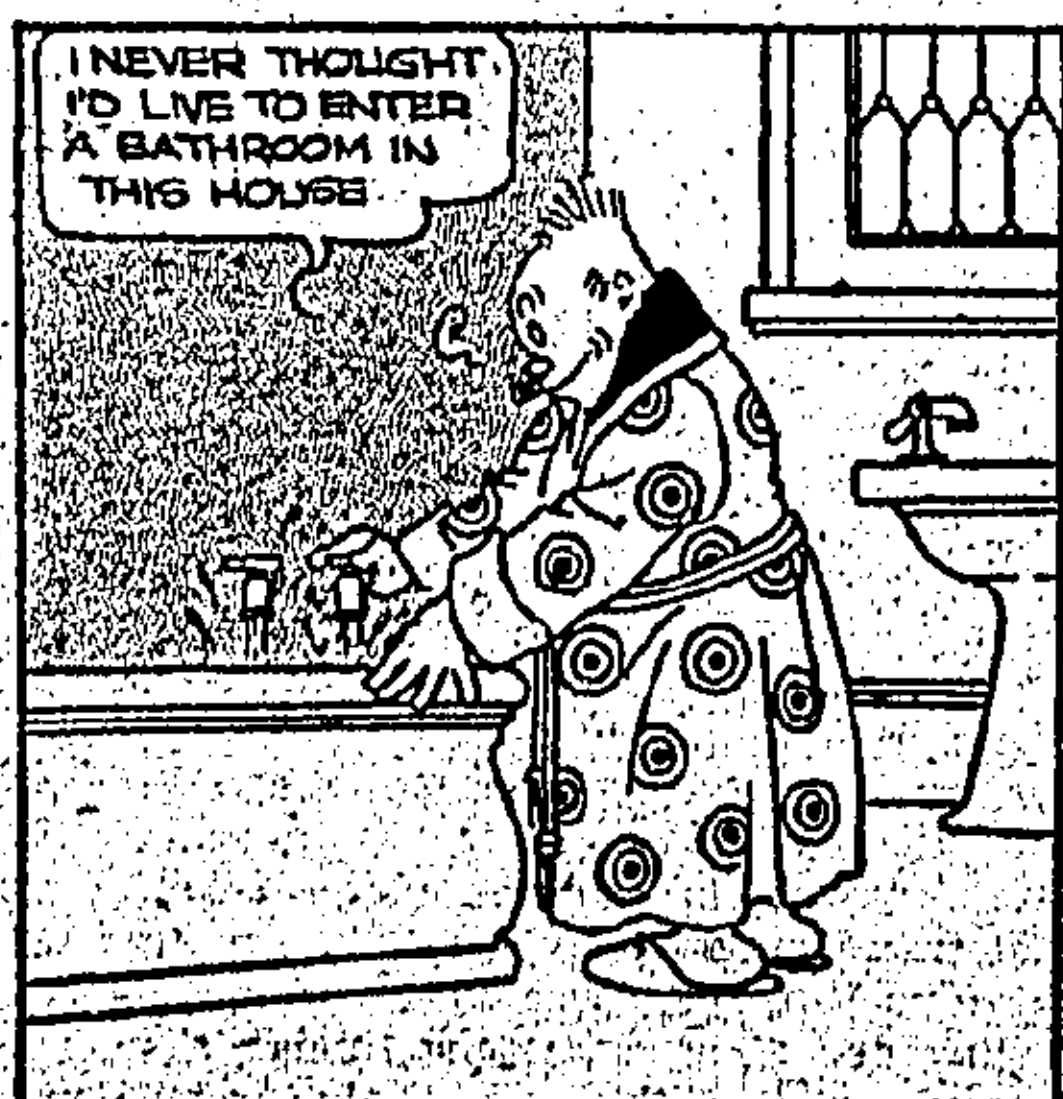
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Banks.					
Hong Kong Bank	1160	1160	1160	Dec.	[Final 20 cents 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Chartered Bank	104	104	104	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Mercantile Bk., A.B.	19	19	19	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Bank of Asia	116	116	116	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Insurances.					
Canton Ins.	1800	1800	1800	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Union Ins.	640	640	640	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
*China Underwriters	360	360	360	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
China Fire Ins.	535	535	535	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
H. K. Fire Ins.	1805	1805	1805	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Shipping.					
Douglases	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
H. K. Steamships	26.00	26.00	26.00	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Indo-China (Pref.)	40	40	40	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Shell Transports	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Union Waterboats	37	37	37	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Mining.					
Kanguts	10	10	10	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Kailan Mining Ad.	30 3/8	30 3/8	30 3/8	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Langkat	6 1/4	6 1/4	6 1/4	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
S'hai Exploration	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Loans	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
*Raupe	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Venezuela Gold Fields	3.60	3.60	3.60	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.					
H. K. & W. Wharves	173	173	173	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
H. K. & W. Docks	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
South Ch. Motors	10	10	10	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
*China Provident (old)	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Hongkew	2.40	2.40	2.40	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
N. Engineering	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Shanghai Docks	110	110	110	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.					
*H. K. & S. Hotel	18	18	18	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
H.K. Lands	85	85	85	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Shanghai Lands	302	302	302	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Humphreys (Cum Rs.)	15 1/4	15 1/4	15 1/4	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
H. K. Realities	9.65	9.65	9.65	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Chinese Estates	87	87	87	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Cotton Mills.					
*Ewo Cotton	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Shanghai Cotton	108	108	108	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Zoong Sings	18	18	18	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Public Utilities.					
*H. K. Tramways	19.10	19.10	19.10	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Peak Tram (old)	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Star Ferry	39	39	39	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
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H. K. Electric	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Macao	12	12	12	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Sandakan Lights	42	42	42	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
H.K. Tel. fully paid	42	42	42	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
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S'pore Traction (Ord.)	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Industrials.					
China Sugars	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Malayan Sugars	35	35	35	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Cald. Macg. Ord.	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Canton Ice	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
*Cements (com.)	10.80	10.80	10.80	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
H. K. Ropes	13.90	13.90	13.90	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Stores, &c.					
Dairy Farm (old)	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
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De'A Wings	1	1	1	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Lace Crawfords	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Mackintosh	40	40	40	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Sincere	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Wm. Powell	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Miscellaneous.					
H.K. Amuse. (C. R.)	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
Ch. Entertainment	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
H. K. Constructions	6.30	6.30	6.30	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
H. Ind. G. Bonds	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	Dec.	[Final 1/2 for 1930] Pending
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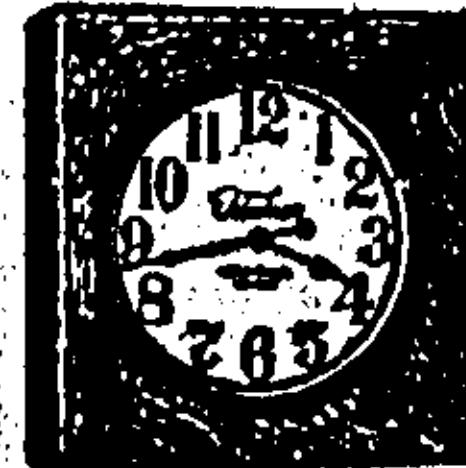
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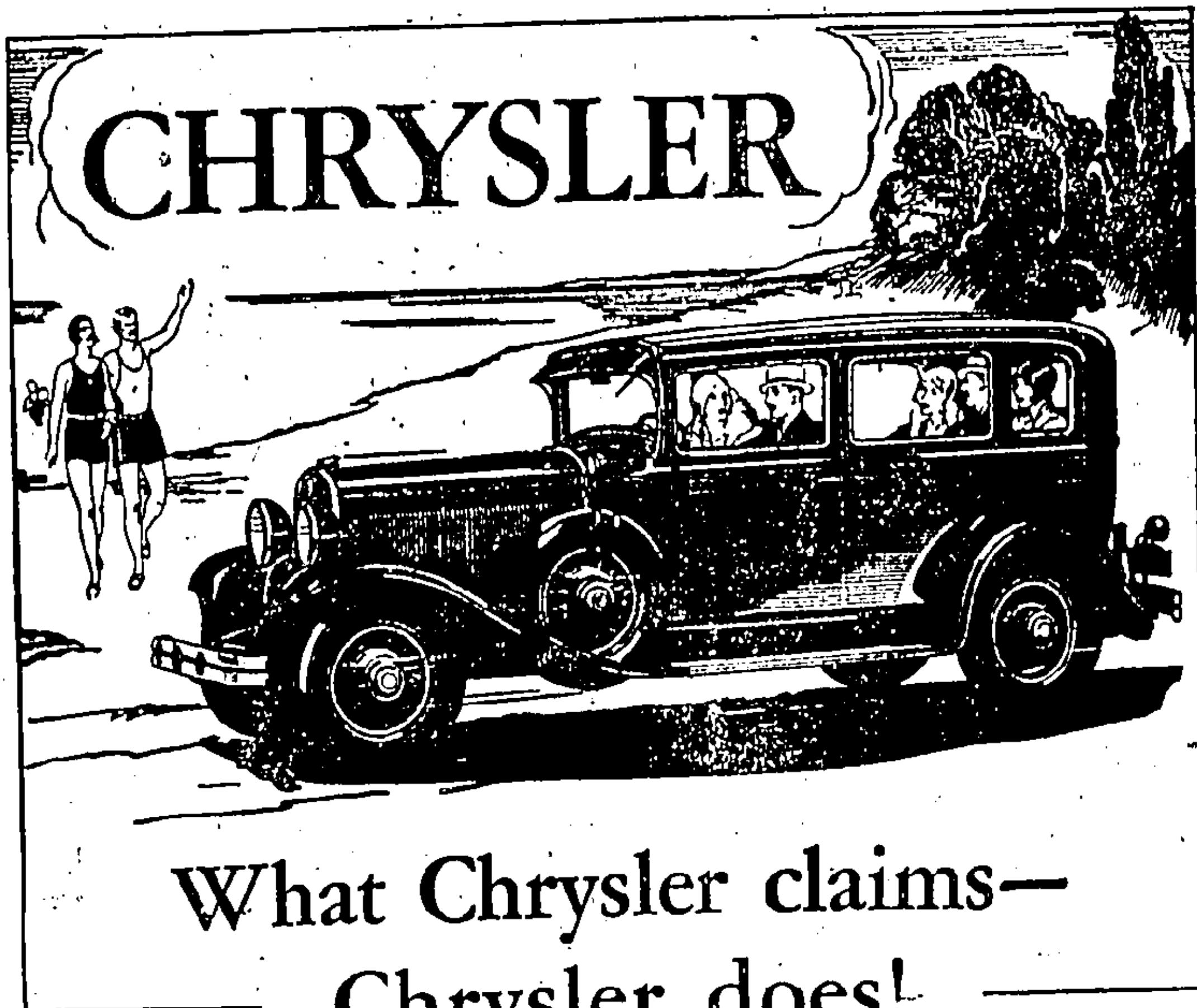
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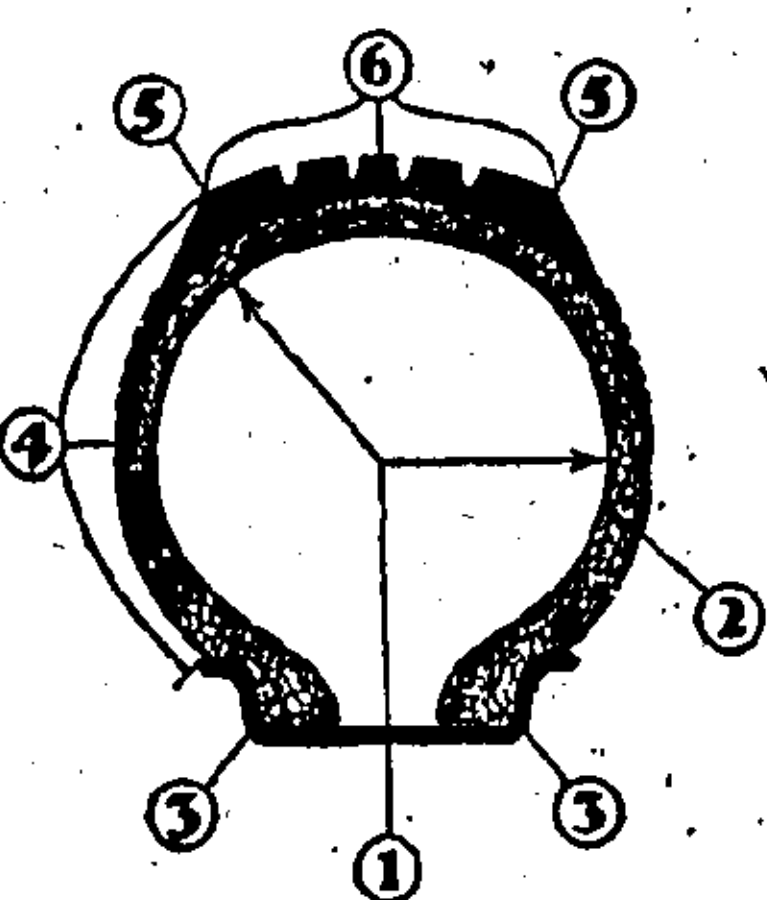
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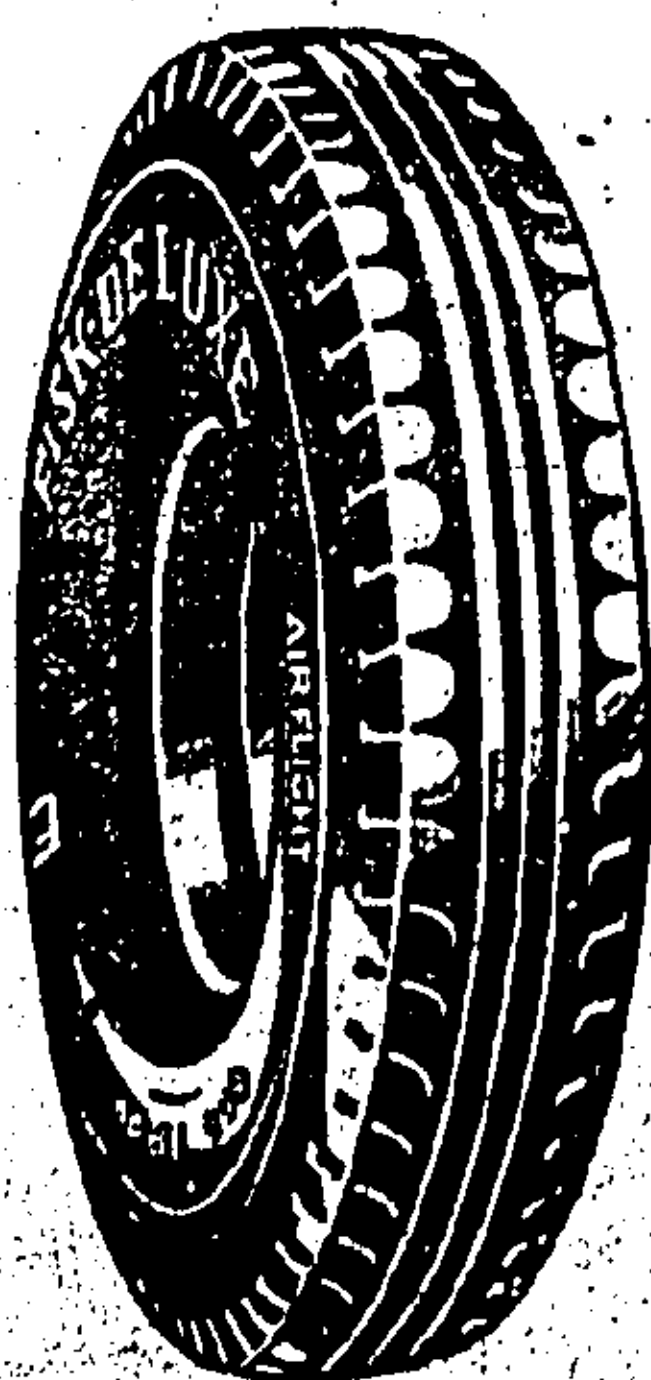
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FRIVOLOUS.

Case Which Should Not Have Been Brought

A collision between two motor-cars in the vicinity of the locality which is commonly known as the "santai club" on the early morning of December 25, was the subject of a charge against a European named A. G. Little in the Fourth Magistrate's Court, Singapore, on January 28.

In the course of the hearing it transpired that Inspector Farquharson, who visited the scene after the collision, told Mr. Gowan, a probationary A.S.P. attached to the Police Depot, that it was his fault and at the same time told Mr. Little that if he wanted he could get a summons issued against Mr. Gowan.

After hearing the evidence, Mr. W. H. Whitton discharged and acquitted the defendant, remarking that the prosecution should never have been brought against him and that such cases caused inconvenience to busy people who had to leave their work and engage counsel for their defence.

Mr. R. L. Eber appeared for the defence.

In his evidence Mr. Gowan said he was driving out on to Beach Road from the sea end of Middle Road. He did not see the other car but suddenly felt the impact. He was with two other police officers. He was only driving at between five and ten miles an hour at the time of the collision.

"Never Intended to Take Action."

Cross-examined by Mr. Eber witness said that he was not responsible for the prosecution. He definitely did not see the other car and never intended to take action. The papers were sent to the C.P.O. with the result that the prosecution was launched. Witness admitted that Inspector Farquharson came on the scene and examined the road and the cars and told him that he was to blame.

Inspector Farquharson, giving evidence, produced a sketch plan of the scene and gave measurements.

In reply to Mr. Eber he said that he pointed to Mr. Gowan and told him that his car was in the wrong. He also told Mr. Little that he could take out a summons against Mr. Gowan. The investigation papers were sent to the C.P.O. and instructions were given for a summons to be issued against Mr. Little.

His Worship acquitted the accused without calling on the defence.

SPEEDOMETER CABLE.

E.G.C.—Does the speedometer cable of the Morris-Cowley car require grease or oil? About how much would you recommend putting in, and how often? Do you think it places any undue strain on the clutch of a car if one lets the clutch out and puts the gear lever into neutral when travelling at about 20 to 25 miles per hour, such as one might do before pulling up? The small wire grounding the shunt terminal of my car has appeared to burn off twice during the last 100 miles. What is the cause of this, and how can it be prevented?

Transmission oil should be used to lubricate the cable and the knuckle at the bottom. One shot from the gun every 500 miles should be sufficient. Providing the clutch is let back to its normal position after the disengaging of the gearshift no harm can come to the car. Everything is running without load, and in driving in this manner one is free-wheeling the car in much the same fashion as is being used on many English and some American cars to-day.

Failure to bring the clutch back to normal would, however, cause a lot of wear on the clutch throw-out collar, and should be avoided. Apparently there is a loose connection in the charging circuit in the generator to build up beyond its usual limits. This should be corrected promptly, as it will have a damaging effect on the windings of the generator. Check all connections, particularly those on the ammeter, battery, and generator, and make sure that they are all tight. A loose connection is sometimes indicated by an increased brightness of the lights when the engine is running.

CLUTCH RIDING.

Faults That Develop.

Apart from ignition and carburettor troubles, one of the motorist's most frequent sources of difficulty lies in the clutch. Most clutch troubles are due either to the adjustment of the springs, the conditions of the friction surfaces, or to worn thrust collars, and all of these are aggravated by the habit of allowing the foot to rest on the clutch while driving. Few motorists appreciate the far-reaching effects and damage that may be caused by the habit, but when it is stated that fully 60 per cent. of clutch and transmission troubles arise from this source, the costliness of "clutch riding" may be brought home. The clutch of an automobile is a unit intended for a definite purpose—to disconnect the power unit from the transmission system at the will of the driver, thus enabling gear changes to be made, and then to take up the drive in a progressive manner. So that every driver, no matter how modest his experience, may readily understand the advantages of correct use and the dangers of abuse of the clutch its function will be described.

There are two types of clutch in popular use in present-day cars, the plate and the multiple disc. The plate clutch is usually in the form of a single large disc of metal attached to the secondary shaft of the gearbox and fitting in between another disc and the flywheel, between which it is free to revolve when the clutch pedal is depressed. This disc is faced on both sides with fabric lining. The multiple disc is similarly constructed to the single plate clutch in respect to driving principles, but is smaller, and contains a greater number of both driving and driven members.

These clutches are sometimes designed as dry clutches—that is, the alternate faces are lined with fabric and need no lubrication. Others, in which a light lubricating oil is used, are built up of alternate layers of steel discs and discs to which are fitted cork inserts. The requisite pressure to ensure contact of the surfaces of these plates is obtained by the use of a number of small springs, the adjustment of which may be readily altered. Present-day clutches are so constructed as to sustain a considerable amount of rough and unskilful operation, but the application of a little thought and care when driving the car will ensure very much smoother operation, and will considerably lengthen the life of the whole transmission system.

It must be apparent that, with a fierce clutch, not only is the get-away of the car irregular and snappy, but the gearbox, universal joints, differential, axles, and, in fact, the whole transmission system and tyres are subject to a very much greater strain than if the clutch unit were functioning normally.

With these facts known, it is hard to understand why such a great number of drivers persist in slipping the clutch. This should never be done in any circumstances. Should the car begin to stall, the next lower gear should be engaged. In fact, the clutch should be either completely "in" or "out" at all times.

In traffic driving, when held up for a few moments in a traffic jam the clutch should not be held out, but the gears should be placed in the neutral position and the clutch let right in again. By taking a little extra trouble the clutch assembly should remain in perfect order for an indefinite period, but slovenly and careless methods, such as holding the clutch half out in traffic, slipping it on hills, and keeping pressure on the pedal while driving, will surely develop into clutch and transmission trouble, with a corresponding increase in repair bills.

Frequently a driver will find that his gears are becoming harder and harder to engage, so that clean engages are almost unknown. This in almost every case, will be due to the driven member of the clutch continuing to "spin" after the pedal has been depressed. The reason is that the plate faces do not properly separate, and are rubbing slightly, caused nearly always by wear on the clutch throwout. Provision for adjustment of the throwout is made on nearly all cars, and as soon as the trouble is manifest it should be corrected. One thing is certain, however—that, whatever type the clutch may be, these troubles are always hurried along by the driver riding the clutch. A word

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of warning now as to the remedy. Mechanical wear, apart from throw-out adjustments, can of course, be rectified in only one way, the replacement of the parts. Clutching facings can, however, be restored to their original condition by the following method: Should the facings be of raybestos or any other friction lining, they should be well washed with petrol to remove all traces of grease and other foreign matter. When they are thoroughly dry a little kerosene will restore sweet action and freedom.

Early Morning Starting. A number of motorists blame the clutch assembly for difficulty in engaging gears when starting off in the morning. This is nearly always due to the lubricant in the gear-box being thick and tacky, preventing the gears from sliding freely along the shafts. There is no need to use a heavy, cloggy lubricant in the gear-box of a present-day car. Gears are cut to very fine limits of precision, and nowadays the thinner the oil used, within reason the greater will be efficiency of the system.

"PINKING."**Harmful Effects on Engines.**

Neglect, carelessness, and over-caution are, without doubt, responsible for over 90 per cent. of failures in car engines and transmissions. There may be many motorists who will dispute the latter cause. Neglect and carelessness are easily understood as possible causes of trouble, but one naturally thinks that too much care cannot be taken. To a certain extent they are right, but, and it sounds paradoxical, there is a limit to caution, beyond which it merges into abuse. I have in mind several cars that have come under notice during the past few months that have been practically wrecked after having done only between 7,000 and 8,000 miles. In every case these cars had been driven over "give and take" roads, and in two cases had not been driven over 20 miles an hour. In spite of this the engines were in a bad state and the transmissions wanted renewing completely before quiet running could be obtained.

Consistent slow driving, particularly in hilly country where the engine is allowed to get to the last gasp before gear changing is attempted, places an enormous strain on the bearings and transmission, and is actually more harmful to the car than if it were driven at 40 miles an hour continuously. In addition to this, a slow-running motor usually means an overcool one, and for that reason dilution and cylinder wear are excessive. In every case the owners of these cars claimed that every care had been taken (greasing and plug points were faultless), and blamed poor construction and material as the source of their trouble. Actually they had over-stepped the limit of caution, and had arrived at the point where the extra care simply meant abuse. One thing I noticed particularly with these drivers was that when the engine was dying out on a hill, just prior to changing to a lower gear, it was allowed to "pink" badly. This alone puts a very heavy strain on the bearings, etc., and as it is a fairly common fault with drivers, a brief outline of the cause and effect of "pinking" will not be amiss.

Under certain conditions any engine will knock or produce the metallic noise known as "pinking," and this knock must not be confused with knocks emanating from worn engine parts or other mechanical defects.

Some types of engines knock more readily than others. Even two identical engines may differ greatly in this respect. The reason lies in the nature of the explosions in the cylinders, and the nature of these explosions, mechanical considerations being equal, is controlled by the petrol employed.

A charge of air saturated with petrol vapour is drawn into the cylinders, the rising piston compresses it, and when compressed the spark ignites it and it explodes, or, more correctly, it burns rapidly and expands, forcing the piston down and developing a power stroke. Engine builders endeavour to obtain the utmost power from any given sized engine and arrange for the greatest expansion of the charge after it is ignited. To do this it is necessary to draw the greatest possible charge into the cylinder and to compress it into the smallest possible space before igniting it. For these reasons we find a tendency to increase engine compression and the development of the device called the supercharger. There are very definite limits to which compression can be raised, because, if the charge is too highly compressed, it burns too rapidly, produces too much heat, and makes the engine knock and actually lose power.

Knocking is caused by the charge itself, for instead of the flame of ignition spreading through the whole mass comparatively evenly it develops so violently, and in such concentrated form, as to push ahead waves of unburnt charge which are so highly compressed as to produce a real knock when they impinge upon their confining cylinder walls and head.

The speed and also the time of combustion have to be brought under control if "pinking" under arduous conditions is to be avoided. One way to do this is to retard the spark, and on cars that are fitted with a manual control the ignition should be retarded just enough to prevent the knock. On cars that are fitted with governed ignition, providing an automatic advance and retard, the only thing to do to get over the knock is to reduce the load and compression by changing down to a lower gear. This practice is one that is really preferable to retarding the spark, in that in addition to reducing the load on the engine it eases the strain on the transmission to a very large extent.

An engine that "pinks" is an engine that is being overloaded, and as the engine overload is transmitted to the rest of the car in propor-

VALVE GRINDING.**Some Points That Must Be Looked to**

Recently there was brought under my notice a car with a very bad compression leak in one cylinder. It proved to be due to a burnt out exhaust valve, the valve itself being unfit for further use, and the cylinder seating so damaged as to require a cutter before a new valve could be ground in. This car had been comparatively recently overhauled by the owner, and he was naturally very curious as to why the valve burnt out as it did. After inquiries as to one point and another, the reason was fairly evident. The owner had ground in all the valves—not before they needed it,—and had refitted without having afterwards readjusted the clearance.

Now, when a valve is ground in the stem end is naturally lowered more or less, according to the amount of metal removed from the cylinder seating and valves; it is possible to grind away so much of the seatings that when they are cleaned and the valve reseated the stem actually rests on the tip of the tappet, preventing the valve seating. Result—a compression leak, and a badly burned seating in less than a hundred miles of running if the valve is an exhaust, and, if, as is usually the case, the stem expands as the engine warms up. Indeed, it should not be forgotten that a valve that may clear when cold may, if the clearance is insufficient, be held off its seating when lengthened by the heat.

Checking Valve Clearances.

Then, too, grinding with a coarse abrasive to remove deep pitting leaves a series of ridges on the seatings, and even though there may be a slight clearance on the valve tappet, and a fair compression when the job is finished, the first ten or twenty miles of running will flatten out those ridges, allowing the valve to drop so that its stem has no clearance at all. As is the other case, a compression leak and a burnt-out valve may follow.

Invariably, after grinding in the valves, clearances should be checked with a feeler gauge, and, unless past experience with the same engine has indicated the contrary, it should be assumed that when the engine becomes hot the clearance will be reduced by from two to five one-thousandths of an inch. There is no uniformity in this respect, however, among various engine designs. In most, the clearance is reduced with an increase in engine temperature, while in a fair number it remains almost unchanged.

It is a good plan, therefore, to allow rather more clearance than the instruction book calls for after the valves have been ground in, leaving the adjustment (as much as a hundred miles) to be covered. After this distance, while the engine is warm, check the clearances to those recommended by the manufacturer.

LONDON REFUSE.**Ford Has a Use For It.**

You have heard that the only thing wasted in the Chicago packing-houses is the squeal.

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BRITISH CARS OVERSEAS.**A Hint As To Australian Requirements.**

If British manufacturers will only come to earth and give Australians a large chassis with an engine of at least 20 h.p., with floppy, "comfortable" springs, plenty of chromium plating, pretty louvres in the bonnet, a "neatly grouped instrument board," hub caps like saucepan lids, to sell at about £200, they needn't worry about the number of crankshaft bearings, (writes an Australian correspondent of the Antocar).

The majority have an idea that the crankshaft is a device for controlling the supply of petrol voltage from the rear axle.

tion, much damage can be done if the correct remedy is not taken. Gear changing in modern cars is easy, and a little practice will go a long way in adding to the life of the car as well as to the pleasure of motoring.

THE REAR AXLE.**Adjustments Necessary for Silent Running.**

The back axle on a motor car is a most important part of the transmission system, and its development to its present-day state of perfection has been almost an epic in engineering. The transmission of widely varying pressures under adverse conditions, and over a big range of speeds is a problem that has taken years to solve successfully, and the engineer, the chemist, and the metallurgist have all had their share in bringing the complete mechanism to the wonderful pitch of efficiency that it has reached to-day.

No mechanism so delicately adjusted can run continuously without some care and attention, and at some time actual adjustment of the gears will be required.

Adjusting Bevel Drives.

In the case of the bevel drive, whether of the straight tooth or the helical tooth type, devices are provided in all up-to-date designs for making adjustments to the depth of meshing of the pinion with the crown wheel. Generally this is provided in the forward member, which carries the radial and thrust ball (or roller) bearings, which support the shaft of which the bevel pinion is usually an integral part.

The radial bearings will not, under normal service conditions, require any attention (probably for the life of the car) if proper care is taken with the lubrication of the unit. The thrust bearing, may, however, develop sufficient wear to put the crown wheel and pinion out of perfect mesh with each other, and the meshing of the teeth to the correct depth is a vital point in a bevel gear, if we are to avoid noises, either of the grinding, growling type, or of the rattling, knocking description. If a rear axle develops the former type of noise it is generally after an overhaul when those responsible for the adjustment have been too enthusiastic and make the mesh a little too close. If the noise is only a slight one this may be a good fault and the trouble will probably disappear after a short period of running. This is not always so, however, and if the noise persists it is a wise plan to have the adjustment slackened off a little. A good adjustment for the average rear axle is, after the bearings have been adjusted so that there is no perceptible end play, to allow a backlash or movement between the meshing teeth of .004 in., or the thickness of a piece of ordinary writing paper.

From the above it will be realised that the adjustment calls for a little care, and it would not be too much to say that many a sound and carefully assembled rear axle has been ruined, so far as the bevel drive is concerned, by carrying out an adjustment without that shade of appreciation for fine adjustment and accurate location of parts.

The clanking, rattling, and knocking noises in rear axles are almost invariably due to the fact that the mesh of the teeth is not deep enough—either through wear or through maladjustment. Owing to the relative angles of the teeth of the bevel pinion and the crown wheel, very little wear in the thrusts of the wheel will make for shallow meshing, noise, chatter, and backlash when running light, reversing or picking up the load after a change of gear.

In many cases this thrust adjustment for the crown wheel cannot be made without taking down the axle, while the adjustment into (or out of) mesh of the pinion is very often provided in a manner that makes it easy of accomplishment without taking down or disassembling any part. Under these conditions one is apt to take the line of least resistance, and make the adjustment by setting up the bevel pinion nearer to the crown wheel.

Mesh.

Owing to the slight angle of the bevel pinion it must be moved considerably endwise to get a very slightly deeper meshing of the teeth, and sometimes this end movement is sufficient to allow the teeth of the crown wheel to overlap the teeth of the bevel. This results in a ridge of wear on the teeth of both wheels, at the wide end of the crown wheel and at the narrow end of the bevel pinion. A situation is then created in which the full length of the teeth are not meshing, and if there is any end play, so that the teeth can move up to the worn ridges, we get an intermittent grinding and humming, making altogether a very noisy transmission.

This can only be avoided by adjusting both wheels (the crown wheel very slightly and the bevel pinion a little more), so that the relative position of the teeth has not been altered, although there is a slightly deeper mesh.

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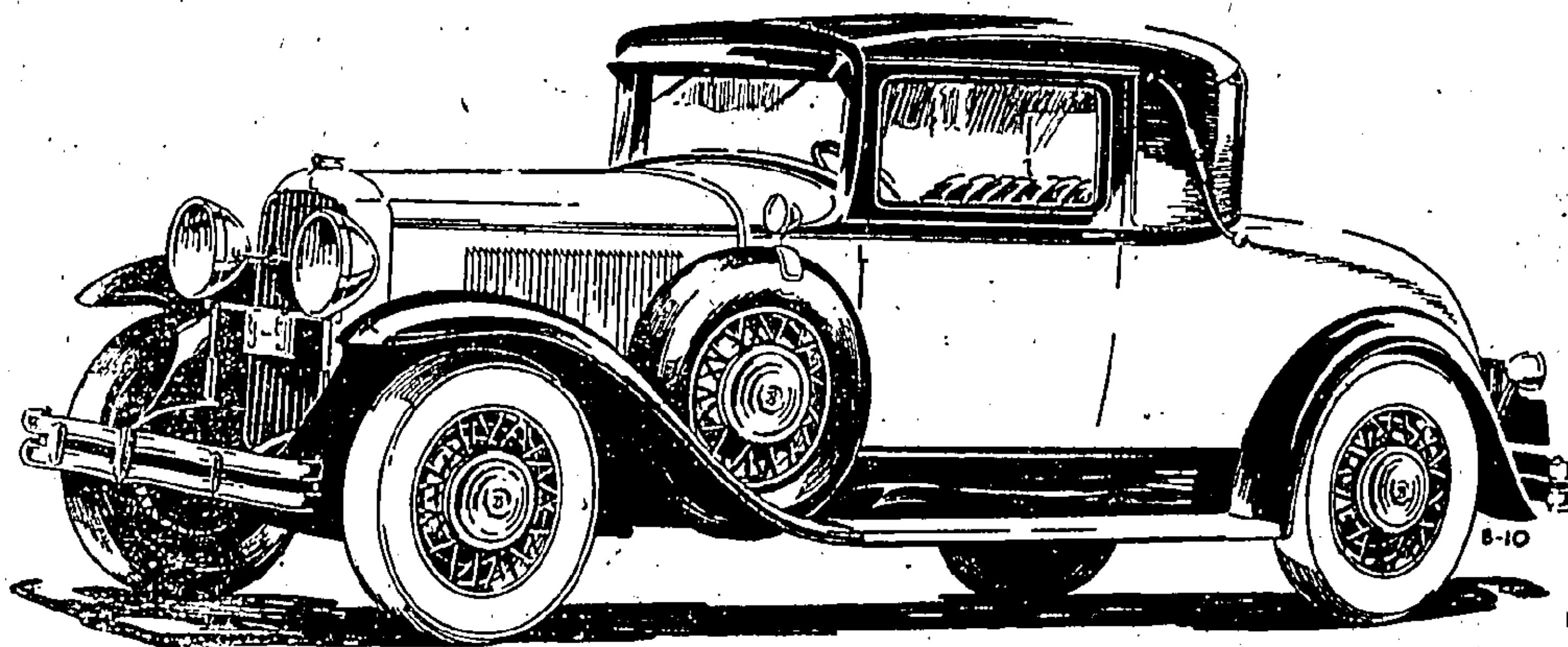
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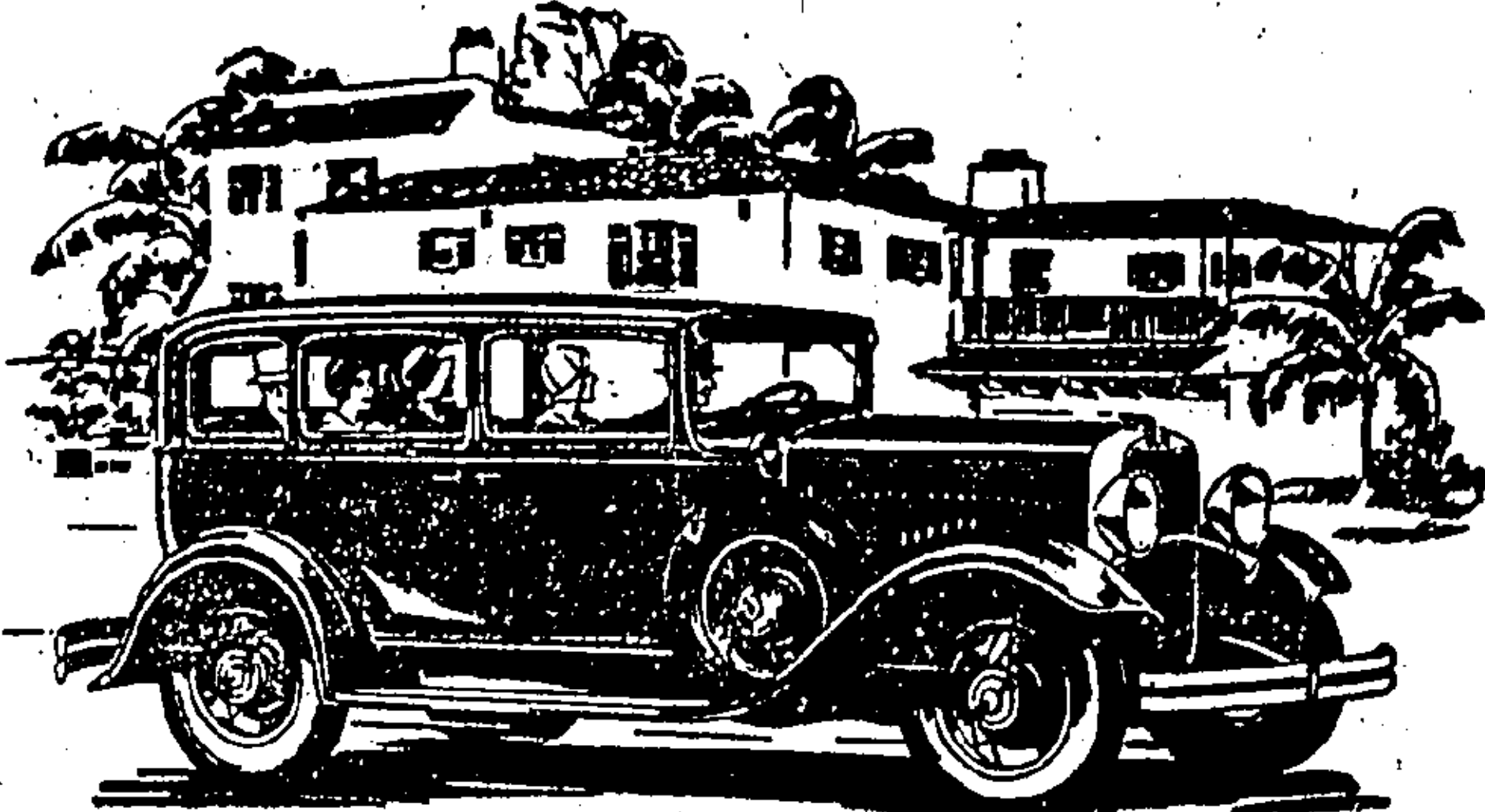
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RESULT OF TEST CASE.

New York, Yesterday.
A decision of the greatest consequence to importers is involved in the ruling of the United States Customs Court that under a flexible clause of the Tariff Act, the President is empowered only to alter the rates and not the wording or meaning of any clause in the tariff.
The decision was given in a test case brought by the Fox River Butter Company against changes made by the late President Coolidge affecting Swiss Imports. — Reuter's American Service.

R.101 DISASTER.

EXPERIMENTS TO DECIDE
CAUSE OF ACCIDENT.

VALUABLE RESULTS.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Under-Secretary for Air, Mr. F. Montague, informed the House of Commons today that at the request of the Court of Enquiry into the R.101 disaster certain experiments were being carried out at the National Physical Laboratory with a view to fixing more definitely the cause of the accident.
Very valuable results were expected from these experiments, which are not yet complete. Most of the Court of Inquiry's report made it impossible to complete the inquiry before the experiments were ended. — British Wireless Service.

FLIGHT TO BASRA.

BRITISH FLYING BOATS REACH
MALTA.

Rugby, Yesterday.
A squadron of Royal Air Force flying boats, which left their base recently on a flight to Basra, are reported to have reached Malta. — British Wireless Service.

SURPLUS WHEAT.

MARKETING SYSTEM OF
CONTROL.

FRENCH CONFERENCE.

Paris, Yesterday.
At the plenary session of the Agricultural Conference today, it was resolved to favour a system of control for the marketing of surplus wheat.

Conference Ends.
The European Agricultural Conference ended without tangible results. The conference decided that it was not competent to settle the details of marketing, but members of the Conference undertook to import certain quantities of surplus wheat from central and eastern European countries. — Reuter.

[An earlier report stated: what M. Briand described as the first tangible result of the movement for a European federation was initiated on February 23 with the opening of the Qual d'O'say of the European Agricultural Conference, attended by the representatives of 24 European States, to consider the problem of Europe's cereal export surpluses. M. Briand, welcoming the delegates, declared that the moment had come to put European solidarity to the test. What really was at stake was not the question of the distribution of cereal surplus, but the maintenance of peace.]

TIN RESTRICTION.

MEETING WITH DUTCH INDIES
DELEGATES.

LIKELY LEGISLATION.

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons today replying to Major Ormsby Gore (Cons.) regarding likely legislation in Nigeria and the Federated Malay States for restricting the output of tin, Dr. Drummond Shiels said that until the meeting arranged at an early date with the Dutch East Indies and Bolivian representatives had been held, it was impossible to state what steps were necessary to carry out the proposed scheme. — Reuter.

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U.S. FEDERAL BOARD

APPOINTMENT OF MR.
EUGENE MEYER.

Washington, Yesterday.
The Senate confirmed the nomination of Mr. Eugene Meyer, of New York, as Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, in succession to Mr. Roy Young. — Reuter's American Service.

SAN NING PLIGHT.

No further definite news as to the plight of the s.s. San Ning, which went aground in Kerr Channel on the way down from Wuchow, was available this morning.

A report was current to the effect that she had got off, and was seen proceeding to Hong Kong, but no confirmation was forthcoming.

CABLE RECEIPTS.

The following news has been received by the Eastern Extension, Australasia & China Telegraph Co. from their Head Office, London:—

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